

YOUTH CONNECT GROUP

Leader's Guide 2.23.2020

Announcements

- 1. Mission Trips:** High School trip is FULL. There is still room to be part of Mission Week with the Junior High group! For only \$25, you can have a full week of serving local ministries and people in need! Sign up before all of the spots are taken!
- 2. 2 Weeks:** We are entering into the last two weeks of the Winter connect group season! If you haven't already done so, plan something special for your last week (March 1-7)!
- 3. Howies HowTube:** We have had a great first two weeks of this series! Help us get the word out to more students! Share the message, post, tag doulosyouth, and invite your friends to come this Sunday!!

BOTTOM LINE: Prayer is our way of connecting with God.

(CARD 1) ICEBREAKER:

AROUND THE ROOM: What do you think of Just Jess? Do you agree with her way of doing things?? (From Sunday's message.)

Have someone pray to begin your group time.

(CARD 2) HISTORICAL/GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

AROUND THE ROOM: On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your prayer life?

AROUND THE ROOM: What is something you have recently prayed about?

A FEW OF YOU: Does the thought of praying or praying outloud scare you? Why or why not?

BIBLICAL:

Leader: On Sunday, we watched part 2 of "Howies HowTube"! This week, Howie taught us how to pray! For some of us, we feel comfortable praying, for others, this is a foreign concept. No matter where you are today, God wants to hear from you through your prayers!

(CARD 3) A FEW OF YOU: What is something you remember from this week's video message?

A FEW OF YOU: Do you believe God hears your prayers? Explain.

A FEW OF YOU: Have you ever felt discouraged after praying? If yes, why do you think you felt that way?

(CARD 4) SOMEONE: Read Psalm 145:18

A FEW OF YOU: What does this verse say about God?

AROUND THE ROOM: Do you ever feel like this isn't true? What leads us to feel like God isn't listening, God isn't there?

(CARD 5) SOMEONE: Read James 5:13-18

A FEW OF YOU: What are the things James mentioned praying about?

AROUND THE ROOM: What are the things we pray about?

(CARD 6) A FEW OF YOU: How have you seen a prayer answered in your life? (Leader, this would be a great question for you to have an answer ready!)

A FEW OF YOU: What can we learn from Elijah's story in verses 17-18?

AROUND THE ROOM: What is something you have prayed about for a long time?

(CARD 7) APPLICATION:

Let's put action behind this discussion on prayer. As a group, we are going to do a SELAH moment together. You can use this format when you go home, to help you have a structure to follow in your own prayer life.

Stop. (everyone get quiet for 30 seconds)

Exhale. (3 deep breaths in and out)

Lean in. (position yourself to be attentive. Palms up, eyes closed. Leader, read 1 Peter 5:6-8 slowly.)

Ask. (What is this passage challenging you to do? How is God trying to speak to you?)

Hear. (60 seconds of silence.)

Discuss the activity as a group after.

(CARD 8) PRAYER:

(Make sure to take prayer requests before closing.)

Partner off. Together, pray for one person in each of these categories:

- Someone from church
- Someone in your family
- Someone from school
- Someone who doesn't know Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

How to Pray:

1. Approach God respectfully
2. Pray for God's will
3. Ask God to provide
4. Ask for forgiveness
5. Ask God for guidance

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HISTORICAL

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RECAP

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