

## YOUTH CONNECT GROUP

Leader's Guide 3.1.2020

### **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. **Last Week of Winter:** This is the last meeting of the Winter connect group season! Plan a time to get together over the three week break!
3. **Spring Connect Group Season:** March 29 – May 23
4. **Feedback Forms:** Will you help us do everything we can to improve our connect groups? The easiest way is to fill out a Feedback Form! During this last meeting, text this link to your group so they can fill out the form on their phone. Thanks!! [crossroadschristian.org/cgfeedback](https://crossroadschristian.org/cgfeedback)

**BOTTOM LINE:** Your testimony is the most powerful way to tell someone about Jesus.

### **(CARD 1) ICEBREAKER:**

AROUND THE ROOM: What are your spring break plans?

A FEW OF YOU: Will you hangout with any unsaved friends/family over spring break?

*Have someone pray to begin your group time.*

### **(CARD 2) HISTORICAL/GETTING TO KNOW YOU:**

A FEW OF YOU: When was a time you shared your faith and it went right?

A FEW OF YOU: When was a time you shared your faith and it didn't go so well?

A FEW OF YOU: If you've never shared Jesus with someone, what holds you back?

### **BIBLICAL:**

**Leader:** On Sunday, Howie introduced the topic of sharing your faith. The truth is, each one of us has a testimony, a story of how Jesus has impacted our life. But we have to make the choice to share it.

(CARD 3) A FEW OF YOU: From Sunday's message, what were the three simple steps to sharing your faith? (1. Who I was before Jesus. 2. How I met Jesus. 3. Who I am now.)

A FEW OF YOU: Why is your testimony important to share? (Sometimes it's easier for someone to relate to your story and see that Jesus could change their life too.)

**Leader:** We are going to look at a story from Luke 8 where a demon possessed man encounters Jesus and has his life changed because of it. It's a lot of text so I'd encourage each one of us to

follow along in our bibles. Key in on who this man was before he met Jesus, how he met Jesus, and who he was after!

(CARD 4) SOMEONE: Read Luke 8:26-33

A FEW OF YOU: Describe this guy's life before he encountered Jesus. (Demon possessed. Outcast. Lonely. Lived among the unclean parts of town. Desperate.)

A FEW OF YOU: What did Jesus do for this man? (Sent the tormenting demons into the nearby pigs, and sent the pigs off the side of the cliff. He healed this man of his demon.)

(CARD 5) SOMEONE: Read Luke 8:34-39

A FEW OF YOU: What was different about this man after his encounter with Jesus? (He was in his right mind, sitting at the feet of Jesus. He was clothed. He was healed.)

A FEW OF YOU: What did this healed man do next (vs. 39)? (He went home and proclaimed all that Jesus had done in his life!)

(CARD 6) AROUND THE ROOM: What is your testimony? Take a minute to think about the three steps.

AROUND THE ROOM: Now share it with each other. It could be as easy as three sentences. This is who I used to be. This is what Jesus did in my life. This is who I am now! (Leader, if you have a large group, you might want to split into groups of 3-4 students so they can practice sharing their testimony with one another.)

**(CARD 7) APPLICATION:**

AROUND THE ROOM: We have four weeks until we meet again. Who is one person you can share your faith with in the next four weeks?

Make the most of the next 4 weeks until we meet again! Let's hold each other accountable to sharing our faith with our person!

**(CARD 8) PRAYER:**

(Make sure to take prayer requests before closing.)

Pick one person from the group that you will commit to check in with weekly and pray with/for during the break between connect group seasons. (*Make sure every person gets a partner!*)

**SERMON NOTES:**

Testimony:

1. Who I was before Jesus.
2. How I met Jesus.
3. Who I am now.

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## HISTORICAL

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## RECAP

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- Why is your testimony important to share?

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