

## Youth Leaders Guide 9.13.20

### **Connect: 10-15 minutes**

- Reminder: As each student logs in, take this time to thank them for making this group a priority. (*The youth staff thanks you for making it a priority every week as well!!!*)
  - This first leader's guide is intentionally short. Use the extra time to connect and hangout!
- Once everyone is logged on, ask this Ice Breaker question!
  - In 5 words or less, describe your summer!
    - Spend some time catching up from the long break!
- For brand new groups, take a little more time to get to know everyone in the group. Encourage participation from each member. Here are a few things you could ask about.
  - Favorite hobby.
  - Favorite pet/animal.
  - Favorite show.
- Once you are finished, have one person **pray** to start the discussion portion of the group.

### **Discuss: 25-30 minutes**

- On Sunday, we started a brand new series called "Stand Out". Did anything stand out to you from the message?
- Are you someone who usually stands out or blends in to crowds around you? Why do you think that is? Which is better?
- Someone read 1 John 1:5-7.
- What did you do when you were scared of the dark as a kid? At what age did you stop being scared of the dark?
- Let's try something. In whatever room you are in, go and turn off the light (where appropriate...). What stands out to you in the dark room?
  - *The light from the screen should be what stands out.*
- What would life be like without any light? (no sun, no electricity, etc.)
- Verse 5 says "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." What do you think that means? How does that make God different from everyone else?
- Why is it important for Christian's to walk in light instead of walking in darkness? How are we supposed to stand out in the world around us?
- Have you seen a Christian living a phony faith? How do you feel when Christian's act like that? How have you acted like that?

APPLICATION:

- What is one way you can illuminate a darkness in your life?
- Identify a source of light in your life. How can you tap into that light even more?

**Wrap Up: 5-10 minutes  
(Take prayer requests.)**

- Pray for God to use this group to help encourage one another in their walk with Jesus.

**\*\*As you close out the evening, make sure everyone knows the time/day for next week's connect group!\*\***