

YOUTH CONNECT GROUP

Leader's Guide 10.28.18

Announcements

- 1. Sunday Services:** Encourage your group to attend Sunday youth services together! If they can't make it, remind them to watch the message online through our YouTube channel.
- 2. Hallelujah Carnival:** October 31 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This is one of the most exciting events we have at Crossroads and it's also one of the largest outreach events our church hosts each year. To make this happen, it takes over a thousand volunteers to effectively serve our guests and put on a first-class event. We need our Connect Groups to lead the way in serving and helping us reach people for Christ. Please sign your group members up and join the team to help us this year. *Wednesday Night Groups*, we want you to serve together at this event. Sign up to serve in the Grand Hall or at crossroadschristian.org/events.
- 3. Crossroads 48th Birthday:** Next Sunday, November 4th, we will celebrate Crossroads 48th birthday! We will look back on what God has done in our church and look forward to seeing how God will continue to work through our church! There will also be celebratory cupcakes given out at every service!

BOTTOM LINE: Trust God with your future!

(CARD 1) ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

AROUND THE ROOM: What was your favorite childhood costume for trick or treating?

AROUND THE ROOM: What is your favorite candy?

Have someone pray to begin your group time.

(CARD 2) HISTORICAL/GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

AROUND THE ROOM: What are the most significant changes you've seen in yourself in the last 2 years?

AROUND THE ROOM: What changes do you want to see in the next 5 years?

A FEW OF YOU: Does thinking about your future scare you?

BIBLICAL:

Leader: On Sunday, we wrapped up our "Fool Proof" series. Over the last month, we've looked at how to foolproof our faith, our finances, and our friendships. This past Sunday, we looked at how to foolproof our future. Although it can be scary at times, living by God's Word is the best way to foolproof your future!

(CARD 3) AROUND THE ROOM: How did Sunday's message challenge you?

A FEW OF YOU: What are some healthy habits you have and want to keep?

A FEW OF YOU: What are the unhealthy habits you need to break to have a better future?

Leader: In order to have a foolproof future, we have to focus on the right things. Here's four questions to ask ourselves.

(CARD 4) AROUND THE ROOM: 1. Do you have the right plans?

SOMEONE: Read Proverbs 16:1-3

A FEW OF YOU: Are your plans focused on what God wants for you or what you want for yourself?

(CARD 5) AROUND THE ROOM: 2. How do the people you surround yourself with help you honor God with your future?

SOMEONE: Read Proverbs 22:24-25

A FEW OF YOU: Do you have friends that you need to distance yourself from?

(CARD 6) AROUND THE ROOM: 3. Are you being proactive now to set yourself up for the future?

SOMEONE: Read Proverbs 6:6-11

A FEW OF YOU: What can you do today that will lead to a better future?

((CARD 7) APPLICATION:

Leader: Writing down your goals is such an important part of you actually completing them. A study done recently shows that you are 42% more likely to achieve your goals when you write them down on a regular basis!

EVERYONE: Take time to write down 5 future goals you have. This could be a year from now, five years from now, or even twenty years from now.

- Discuss your goals with the group.
- Why do you want to achieve these goals?
- What are you going to do to reach them?

CARD 8) PRAYER:

AROUND THE ROOM: 4. Are you praying for your future?

- Pray for your plans after high school.
- Pray for your future spouse.
- Pray that you will follow God's plan and not your own.

SERMON NOTES:

Fool Proof: Future

1a. Your decisions today become your habits tomorrow.

1b. The habits you develop now will determine who you are in the future.

2a. Your friends today become your identity tomorrow.

2b. The voices you allow to speak into your life now will determine where you go in the future.

3a. Your unrestrained desires today become deadly addictions tomorrow.

3b. The unhealthy addictions you develop now can become your destruction in the future.

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HISTORICAL

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SERMON RECAP

- How did Sunday's message challenge you?
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