

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Like Me / Week 3

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE

I can like me because God loves me.

SCRIPTURE

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect (Romans 12:2 NLT).

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you (Romans 12:6 NLT).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand they were uniquely created by God and they are enough exactly as they are.

THINK ABOUT THIS

In this phase, high schoolers are constantly battling with their view of themselves as well as others' view of them. In this week's small group, find ways to show students that their view of themselves can be changed by being reminded of what God's view of them is. Be aware as well that some students may be more open to this than others (particularly younger students).

Create meaningful conversation. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DURING GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Do you have a hidden talent? What is it
- 2. Have you ever wished that you were good at something that you aren't?
- 3. Talk about a time when you felt like you weren't _____ enough? (Note to Small Group Leader: Be okay with sitting in this tension. Don't try to fix it or explain it away...yet.)
- 4. When I say God thinks you are enough, what is your first reaction? What makes it difficult to believe? What evidence is there that is true?
- 5. Read Romans 12:6. What are some areas where you are gifted or others have said you are gifted? How could you discover what you are gifted at?
- 6. What is one way people around you may be missing out if you don't choose to be your authentic self and lean into the unique ways you are gifted?
- 7. How could being yourself, or discovering how God has uniquely wired you, lead to liking yourself?
- 8. How can this group help one another discover each other's gifts?

TRY THIS

Small group leaders, this week, reach out to your students and let them know at least one unique thing that each student brings to the group. Be sure they know that, if they aren't in the group, the entire group misses out on what they bring.