

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

More To The Story / Week 4

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus wants more for your story.

SCRIPTURE

John 10:10 NIV & John 10:27 NIV

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to begin imagining God's design for their life story and make daily decisions (even in their

relationships) that reflect God's character and heart for them.

THINK ABOUT THIS

At this phase, students will vary in their concern about the future. As we help them think about God's design for their life, it's important to help them connect that to not just the future, but also to right now.

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

DURING GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Name a time when a situation turned out totally different once you heard the full story.
2. From this list, which are the 2-3 situations where you would say high-schoolers feel the most pressure when talking about sex? Why do you think they feel the most pressure in those areas?
 - a. There's pressure to send more pictures.
 - b. There's pressure to experiment.
 - c. There's pressure to do what your partner wants.
 - d. There's pressure to keep up and participate in conversations about sex.
 - e. There's pressure to have more sex.
 - f. There's pressure to not go too far.
 - g. There's pressure to honor your brothers and sisters in Christ.
 - h. There's pressure to not have sex until marriage.
3. What are some ways that being pressured can affect their decisions? Do you think that these pressures can affect their future? Why and how so?
4. Do you ever feel like you are constantly getting it wrong when it comes to the conversation of sex? Why?
5. **For upperclassmen:** If you are comfortable sharing, what are some examples of being pressured, in regard to sex, you've seen or experienced yourself? How did they affect you?
6. Read John 10:10. Who are the "thieves" that Jesus is referring to? What is the difference between the "thieves" and Jesus? What does it mean when someone wants something **from** you versus when someone wants something **for** you?
7. Have you ever felt like God had an agenda with you?
8. How does your view of sex change now that you know God's only agenda is you having a bigger and fuller life than you ever planned?
9. How can this small group help each other not feel pressure when it comes to sex?

TRY THIS

This week, during small group time, pay attention to how your students respond to question #2, then sometime this week, text your students individually to tell them that you're praying for them and what you're praying for them for. This is also a great time to follow up and ask them to see if they have any more questions as the series wraps up.
