

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

FRIDAY NIGHT

BOTTOM LINE

God wants us to experience life to the full.

SCRIPTURE: John 10:10

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

IN LARGE GROUP

For many students, the idea of God and church is all about rules and restrictions. It seems to them that God is a cosmic killjoy looking to limit their fun. However, in John 10, Jesus makes a startling statement: "He has come to bring life to his followers." And this is not a ho-hum, dreary, boring life but a vibrant, dynamic, and full life. As we start our journey this weekend, we want students to hear that God has amazing plans for them that don't end with the good news of salvation but continue to unfold and be revealed as they follow Jesus.

DURING SMALL GROUP

Our goal tonight is to break the ice and get conversations rolling. Your win as a small group leader is to get every student to share with the group something new about themselves. Some groups may move beyond that, but be careful. We don't want to hurry past the life-changing truth that no matter where their stories are today, they are God's prized creations. Things will be heavy tomorrow, so let's aim for upbeat conversations tonight.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

To help everyone learn one another's names, have them choose something they love beginning with the same letter as their first name (e.g., Bailey loves basketball; Darren loves donuts).

1. Imagine the yearbook you'll get at the end of the school year. What would you want people to write about you?
2. Go around and name one thing you admire about each person in your group.
3. If the average middle schooler heard, "The most fulfilling life you can lead is one led by God," they would say, "Yeah, but _____."
4. What might you miss out on if you followed God every day?
5. Read John 10:10. What does Jesus mean when he says he has come to give them life? (Salvation. Not only that—he wants them to have life to the full.)
6. What do you think Jesus meant when he said your life would be full?
7. In your mind, what is the difference between "fun" and "fulfilling"?
8. Can you think of a time you experienced something that was fulfilling?