

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

What To Do When You Don't Know What To Do / Week 3

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE

When you don't know what to do, do the next right thing.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 39:2-10 NIV

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand that doing the right thing is doing the right thing today and not controlling the outcome for tomorrow.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders, when students were little kids, they made decisions based on outcomes and consequences. Part of becoming a mature person is making decisions based on value and identity, on WHO we want to be, not just whether we want to get into trouble. The tricky part is maturity doesn't happen all at once. Through conversations like this one, as leaders we can guide our students along each point on this journey and help point students in a more mature direction.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here.

DURING GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What would you do if...You found a \$1 bill on the ground? Or \$100?
2. Who is someone you know who shows "integrity"? How do they show it?
3. What are some things that keep us from doing the right thing?
4. How can doing the next right thing cost you something?
5. Why should we care about "doing the right thing"?
6. How does choosing to do the right thing affect the people around you?
7. By doing the right thing, Joseph proved himself to be a person with integrity. What does it look like to be a person with integrity in high school?
8. At this point, talk through the "The Next Right Step" decision making card. (*Note to Ministry Leader: This card is found in the XP folder in your curriculum download*). If you do not have the printed cards, have students write down their answers to the following questions:
 - a. I don't know what to do about _____.
 - b. I can talk to _____.
 - c. The next right step for me to take is to _____.

TRY THIS

Leaders, this week follow up with your students and talk about the XP questions. Sometimes in group, talks about doing the right thing can be difficult to discuss in group, but more discussion can be prompted when you follow up outside of group.