

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Counterfeit / Week 3

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE

You will never get over what God does through you.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 2:1-12 NIV

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To show students that stepping out and stepping up to serve can grow their faith into an authentic faith.

THINK ABOUT THIS

At this phase, one of the best things you can do for students is to mobilize their potential and help them connect with a bigger purpose. As you challenge students to serve, now may be a great time to affirm the unique ways they serve and how this could be a part of their God-given purpose.

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. What is something you weren't looking forward to participating in but ended up turning out better than you expected?
2. A lot of people think serving is a good idea. But what are some excuses people give for not serving?
3. How are serving and growing your faith connected? Have you ever experienced a time when serving grew your faith? If so, share about that experience. [Leaders can share some examples as well. This is a great opening to talk to HS teens about the Honduras mission teams.]
4. Read Mark 2:1-12 NIV. In the passage, it was the friends' faith that changed the life of the paralyzed man. They literally carried him to Jesus! Have you ever had an experience where someone else's serving changed you and your faith?
5. God can use serving to change you and grow your faith. What's an area of need in your community or the world that you feel strongly about, where you can make a positive impact? [Leaders can share about serving opportunities at Chesapeake Church, End Hunger, Honduras Compassion Partners]
6. Serving doesn't always have to be formal or even done through an organization. What are some ways you can serve in your everyday life?
7. Share with the group one way that you can take a step in serving in that area. Is there anything holding you back from taking that step this week?

TRY THIS

As a group, choose a service opportunity this week and then plan to make it happen in the coming weeks.