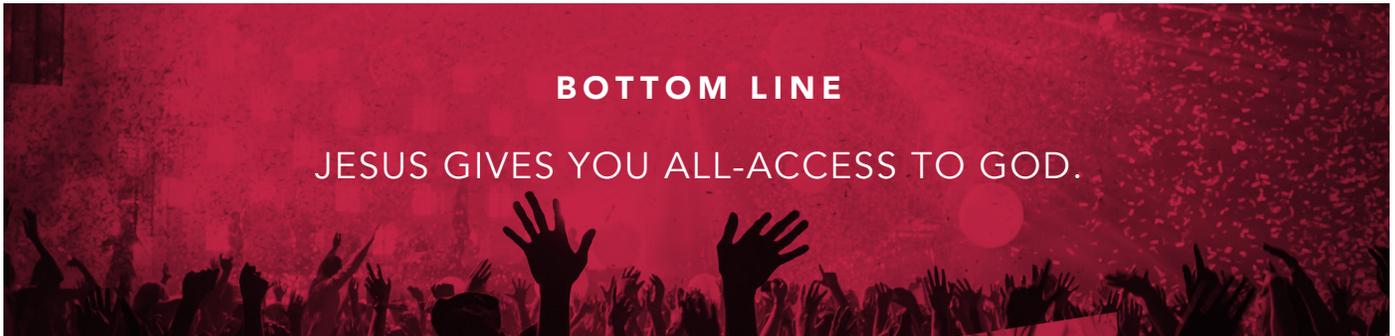




SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

ALL ACCESS | WEEK 1



SCRIPTURE

And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place (Hebrews 10:19-20 NLT).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand that because of Jesus, they CAN be close to God.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders — during this series, your students may be challenged to take the next step in their faith. Or, they may have questions about what that means. Remind your students that you're available after group or during the week if they need to talk.

SAY THIS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you think most people would define being close to God?
2. What do you think keeps most people from feeling close to God?
3. When do you feel closest to God? When do you feel most distant?
4. Why do you think God is more concerned with us being close than He is in us being *perfect*?
5. What are some good things that come as a result of being close to God?
6. What does it mean to be close to God, even when you don't have it all together?
7. If you really believed that you had all access to God, what would you do differently?

TRY THIS

Leaders, at some point this week, remind your students of this week's bottom line: **Jesus gives you all-access to God.**



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

ALL ACCESS | WEEK 2

BOTTOM LINE

WHEN YOUR WILLPOWER RUNS OUT, YOU HAVE ACCESS TO HIS.

SCRIPTURE

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need (Hebrews 4:15-16 NIV).

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you (Romans 8:11 NLT).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand that Jesus understands their temptations and can help them in times of need.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders — here's the truth for students. Resisting temptation is an investment in their future, but it doesn't offer the same immediate gratification as giving in. They may not immediately feel the benefit, but over time, their future is brighter when they consistently resist temptation.

SAY THIS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Define temptation. What are some examples of things that could tempt someone?
2. What are some of the worst parts of giving in to temptation?
3. Why do we sometimes give in to temptation even though...
...we know we shouldn't?
...we know we'll feel guilty afterwards?
4. What are some excuses people make when they give in to temptation?
5. What are some benefits you experience when you resist temptation?
(Leaders, the benefits of resisting temptation are often not instant. Help your students think long-term about how resisting temptation now will help them later.)
6. What does it look like to take your temptation to Jesus?
7. How can you enlist the help of other people when you feel tempted?

TRY THIS

Leaders, it's natural to feel like God is mad at us when we give in to temptation. Brainstorm with your students some ways you can remind yourselves how God feels about you, even when you mess up.



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

ALL ACCESS | WEEK 3

BOTTOM LINE

GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IS TO BE YOU AND LOVE OTHERS.

SCRIPTURE

Now may the God of peace—who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood—may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him (Hebrews 13:20-21a NLT).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand that God's will is for them to use the personality and talents He has given them to love and help others.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders — When talking about God's will, the temptation might be for students to equate that with what they do (where they go to college, their profession, etc.). Try to steer the conversation to who they are and how they live their lives, rather than what they do and where they go.

SAY THIS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the first things that come to mind (positive or negative) when you hear someone talking about God's will for your life?
2. In what ways can the idea of God's will for your life seem confusing or unclear?
3. You were equipped to do God's will. What are some of the things that you believe you were "equipped" with?
4. How do you think someone figures out God's will for their life?
5. How do you think the way God has wired you fits into His will for your life?
6. The same God that raised Jesus from the dead has given you all access to Him right now. How could that affect the way you approach your life?
7. What's one way you could use your intelligence, personality, and words to love and help other people?

TRY THIS

Leaders, have each student write down one talent, strength, or part of their personality that they're thankful for. Then close in prayer and thank God that *He* gave them this attribute!