

SESSION 4 GUIDE

PLUS

BOTTOM LINE

It is IMPOSSIBLE to be good enough for God on your own. The only way to inherit the Kingdom of God is to be filled with the grace God freely offers those who put their faith in Jesus and follow him.

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

Prepare the students for the transition back to life at home, and start the process of what a new life of following Jesus looks like, even when you stray away.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:17-31

ICEBREAKER

What are some questions you would ask God? These don't have to be serious. It could be like what is the best ice cream flavor! Actually why don't we have everyone share their favorite ice cream flavor first!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the question the rich guy asked Jesus? Why do you think he asked this?
2. If you were to be face to face with Jesus here at camp, what would you ask him?
3. Have you ever felt like you weren't good enough? Good enough for who? And why?
4. What are some reasons why we might not feel good enough for God?
5. In the story, it says Jesus looked at the rich young ruler, and he loved him. Why do you think it says that?
6. The Scripture passage tells us that he goes away sad. Why do you think that is?
 - A. YES, the obvious answer is that he had great wealth and he didn't want to give that up. But could it also be that, his whole life he tried to do everything he could for God and it didn't seem good enough? And now it seems like he's being instructed with an impossible task...
7. It's clear that our best efforts are not good enough to make things right with God and live a flourishing you+ life in connection with him. So how do we get there?
 - A. He has to come to us. Amidst all our imperfections... He loves us.
8. Ok, so back to the scenario where you see Jesus here at camp. Assuming he knows everything about you, what do you think he would say to you? How do you think he feels about you?

Small Group leader, take this as an opportunity to EMPHASIZE the gospel (good news). God is pleased with each and every one of these kids in your group. And he wants a connection with them. He is inviting them to a flourishing life where you don't have to constantly strive for approval.
9. What do you anticipate life will be like when you go back home? What would you like it to look like?
10. If you find yourself drifting from God, what will you do? What are some things that can help you restore that connection?