



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Happy Easter / Week 3

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE

Easter means you're never alone.

SCRIPTURE

"But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you." (John 16:7 NLT).

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8 NLT).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students have the confidence to know that they're never alone because the Holy Spirit is there for them personally and shows up through others.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders, at this phase, it can be difficult for students to have the perspective that their current situation won't last forever. So if they feel alone, they may feel that they'll be alone forever. If they feel sad, they may feel that they'll be sad forever. And while it's tempting to say, "This isn't forever," that isn't exactly helpful right now. Instead, try letting students know they're never alone, no matter how long this season or circumstance may last.

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's one unpopular opinion you think you might be alone in having? (For example: "Star Wars Episode 1 was the best!" or "Taylor Swift is only 'okay.'")
2. When is being alone a good thing and when is it a bad thing?
3. In what area of your life do you feel alone?
4. How can the way you see situations change when you know you are never alone?
5. What are some reasons you might think that Jesus said to the disciples that it's better to have the Holy Spirit rather than Him?
6. When you start to feel alone, what are some ways that you can remind yourself that you are never alone?
7. **Don't miss this:** Why is it still hard to face difficult situations even when you know you're not alone?
8. **For upperclassmen:** Talk about a time when God showed up for you through other people. [Note: Be prepared to share a story from your life first.]
9. **Don't miss this:** In what area of life can this small group be there for you right now?

TRY THIS

Pay particular attention to students who share areas where they feel alone, and reach out to them this week by shooting them a text that says: "Hey, thanks for sharing _____ this week. I'd love to be there for you when it comes to this area. How can I help?"