



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Bear One Another's Burdens

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BOTTOM LINE

As Christians we are called to bear each other's burdens.

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To get students thinking about how they can use this time in quarantine to be present for those around them, rather than waste their time away. Binging Netflix and scrolling on Instagram all day is something many students are doing, and we want to help them see that God has something different planned for each of them during this difficult season.

THINK ABOUT THIS

What if instead of wanting to go back to normal, our students actually saw this time as an opportunity to grow closer to God and didn't want to go back to the way it was before? What if they saw this as an opportunity to help others who may need it and shine God's light into their life? This is exactly what we are being called to do in this time. Even in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, Jesus Christ's light shines brightest in the darkness. This is a Small Group to encourage students not just to listen or pay attention to a video... but rather to lace up their shoes and go shine God's light in their neighborhood.

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.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How are you doing at this point in the pandemic?
2. What is the biggest thing you miss about not being quarantined?
3. What are some of the activities that have taken up most of our time?
4. When you find yourself bored with not much to do, what is generally something you resort to doing?
5. Have you grown closer to Jesus at all during your break, or would you say you have grown a little apart? Explain.
6. Read Galatians 6:2 together
7. What do you think it means to bear one another's burdens?
8. Who are some people you know who are having a tough time with something right now? (Do not share out loud if it is confidential)
9. How clean is your house? (encourage to help clean up this week)
10. What are some ways you can serve that person or those people this week?
11. Going a step further, what is one thing you can give up this week to make time to bear someone else's burdens around you?

XP (EXPERIENCE)

Have students create a list of 10 ways they can do something this week to help someone else. At the end of your time together, have everyone share what they wrote down. Next week, check in and see the progress they made or didn't make in completing the tasks on their lists.