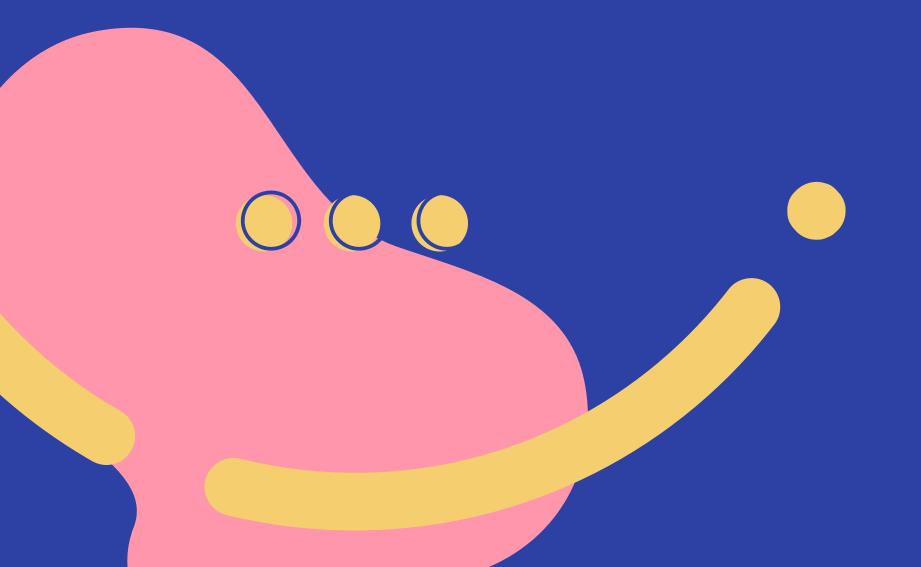


GO TOTHE GARDEN

Discovering Purpose Through God's Original Design

Week #1: Show God's Ways







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PLAY

Play a game together.



PRAY

Spend time praising and thanking God in prayer.





Learn from Scripture about who God says He is and how we should respond to Him.





Serve others in your community with your YCI club members.

4 Corners

How To Play The Game

First, one person must be chosen to be the "game master". Next, this person will close their eyes and count down from 30. While they are counting, the rest of the YCI club must choose to stand at one of the four corners of the room (1, 2, 3 or 4). Once the game master has finished counting, they will then pick one of the four corners (while keeping their eyes closed). Every person that is standing at the chosen corner is out of the game. This cycle continues until there is only one person left standing. The last player standing is the winner of the game!





Ask God For His Will To Be Done In The Following Areas:



CLUB TIME

Pray that God will speak to everyone in the room through His Word.



GROUP NEEDS

Take time to discuss and pray over the personal needs and requests of those in attendance.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Ask God to move in situations that are unique to your school and community.



PURPOSE#1: SHOW GOD'S WAYS

Genesis 1:26-31 (ESV - Emphasis Added)

"26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth. 29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. **31** And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day."





3 "WAYS" OF GOD HE WANTS TO SHOW THROUGH US

Leadership

Humans are the only member of God's creation that have been formed in His image. He is our sovereign Lord, and His original design in the Garden of Eden was to lead the world through our obedience to Him (Gen. 1:26). Our ability to demonstrate His leadership was fractured through Adam and Eve's sin, and it was restored through Jesus' finished work on the cross. Jesus, the King of Kings (1 Tim. 6:15), shows us that true leadership is laying down our lives to serve God's creation.

Relationship

God called Adam and Eve to demonstrate the intimacy they had with Him through their relationship with each other, and this is the method He has chosen to multiply humanity (Gen. 1:28). As we continue to pursue a healthy relationship with God, it is meant to overflow into meaningful relationships with others. This includes friendships, not just a romantic relationship with a future spouse!

Stewardship

Nothing we have truly belongs to us. We are simply stewarding and utilizing what ultimately belongs to God (Gen. 1:29). What you do with what God has given you shows what you believe about Him. We are called to use what He has given us to glorify Him!



Consider This Before You Leave

BIGIDEA

In the Garden of Eden, God created humans to show His ways, serve His creation and share His truth. We "show His ways" through our leadership, relationships and stewardship. Everything we do is meant to point to Him!

SHARING TRUTH

Who is someone in your life that needs to hear about what we discussed today? Pray for them, and find time this week to encourage them.

MEETING NEEDS

What is something your YCI club can do to show God's love this semester?



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