

# HOW TO CHANGE THE *World*

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THE POWER & SIMPLICITY OF THE EARLY CHURCH

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WEEK #1

*SEEKING GOD'S WILL*



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## *How To Lead Your YCI Club*



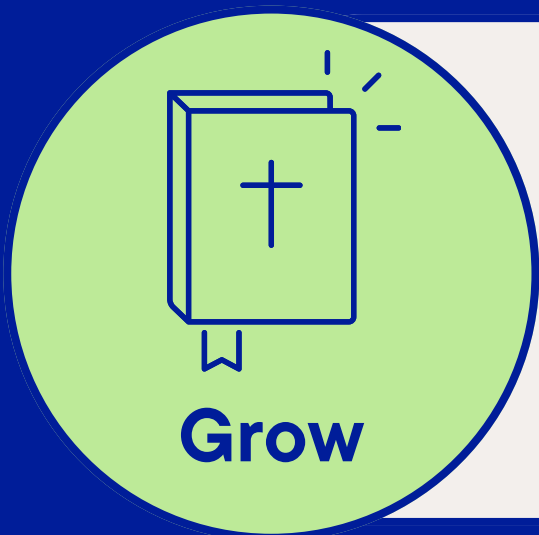
**Play**

Create a welcoming environment by playing a game together.



**Pray**

Spend time praising and thanking God in prayer.



**Grow**

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



**Go**

Look for opportunities to share the Gospel, and serve others in your community with your YCI club members.



# TIPS FOR USING THIS CURRICULUM

## *Three Recommendations As You Lead Your Friends In Playing, Praying, Growing & Going*

### 1) Familiarize

Prior to your weekly YCI club gatherings, spend time reading the curriculum to make sure you understand the game and devotional. Leading is easier when you are well-prepared!

### 2) Organize

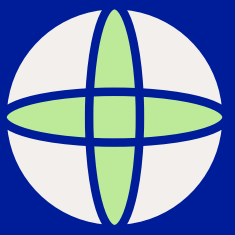
The "Grow" portion of the YCI Club Curriculum gives you the "pieces" for a devotional, but it is up to you to put the pieces together. You may want to give "Book, Hook, Look & Took" a try:

- 1) Book:** Read the Bible verses.
- 2) Hook:** Share a brief personal story or idea that relates to the Scripture.
- 3) Look:** Share the context of the Scripture.
- 4) Took:** Share the takeaways from the "Learn & Apply" section.

### 3) Customize

Since every YCI club is different, it is important that you modify this content to fit your context. If you need help with this, we encourage you to reach out to your club's Campus Mentor!





# CRUSH THE CATEGORY!



To start, designate one person as the "Category Captain" and another as the "Tracker." Next, divide the remaining members of the YCI club into two teams. Each team should then select five students to participate in "crushing the categories." Once roles are assigned, have one representative from each team stand next to the Category Captain. The Category Captain will announce a random category (e.g., vacations, homework, sports, pets), and both students have 30 seconds to enthusiastically shout as many relevant words as possible. The Tracker's responsibility is to manage the countdown clock and keep a tally for each word that genuinely relates to the category. After each round, two new students will take their turn, and the Category Captain will introduce a new topic. This process continues until all five students from each team have had their turn. The team with the highest tally, recorded by the Tracker, wins the game. This process can be repeated for as long as time allows!





# ASK GOD FOR HIS WILL TO BE DONE IN THESE 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.*





# WHERE WE'RE GOING



Imagine you've traveled back in time approximately 2,000 years, leaving everything behind to follow Jesus. Throughout your travels, you witness powerful sermons, breathtaking miracles and transformed lives, ultimately leading to the tragic death and supernatural resurrection of your mysterious teacher. Almost as quickly as He rises from the grave, He departs for heaven, leaving you and your friends in charge of continuing the mission He started. Naturally, you would feel just as lost as the disciples at the beginning of the book of Acts, but they would soon discover that they were perfectly positioned to ignite a movement that would alter the trajectory of mankind.

In the **“How To Change The World”** curriculum, we're going to take a closer look at the second chapter in the book of Acts and discover four habits that shaped the early church:

- 1)** Seeking God's Will (Acts 2:1-13)
- 2)** Teaching God's Word (Acts 2:14-41)
- 3)** Enjoying God's Grace (Acts 2:42-43)
- 4)** Serving God's People (Acts 2:44-47)

Prayerfully, through this study, we will learn how to let God change *our* world so that He can work through us to change *the* world!







# ACTS 2:1–13 (ESV)



“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. **5** Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. **6** And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. **7** And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? **9** Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, **11** both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” **12** And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” **13** But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”





# THREE WAYS GOD REVEALS HIS WILL



## His Word

These men and women were in the upper room because Jesus told them “*not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father*” (Acts 1:4). Even though Jesus is not physically walking with us today, we still have the responsibility of obeying His words contained in the Bible. As we take a closer look at two additional avenues God uses to instruct us, we must remember that His will is *always* consistent with His Word. If it contradicts the Bible, it’s not part of His plan!

## His Spirit

When we place our faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within us. He works together with the Father and the Son to guide us, and His direction often comes in the form of internal “nudges”. These nudges help us to fulfill our ultimate purpose of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## His People

This miracle marks the beginning of the New Testament Church, and those in the upper room go on to lead the movement for the remainder of the book of Acts. From the start, God has equipped men and women to shepherd His flock. When a Christian is immersed in God’s Word and sensitive to His Spirit, God will often use them to communicate His will to others.







# LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS



*Small Group Questions (If Time Allows)*

## Question #1

What is one thing that “jumped out” to you while reading Acts 2:1-13?

## Question #2

Why is it so important for us to understand that God's Word is perfect? As followers of Jesus, what are some practical things we can do to grow in our reading and understanding of Scripture?

## Question #3

Which of the three ways God reveals His will (*His Word, His Spirit and His People*) resonated the most with you? Is there a particular area of your life where you are struggling to determine His will for you?





# BEFORE YOU GO



## Big Idea

*Before we can change the world, we must understand God's will. His instruction often comes through reading the Bible, internal nudges from the Holy Spirit and advice from other Christians.*

## 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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