FROM THE WELL, TO THE WORLD

God's Unlikely Plan For Reaching His People

Week #2
Forgiveness



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How To Lead Your YCI Club



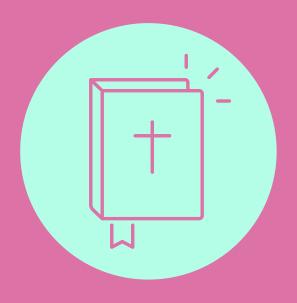
Play

Play 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!



ANSWERS & ARCHITECTS

First, one member of the YCI club should be chosen as the "Subject" Master." Next, the rest of the group should be split into two separate teams. Once the teams are determined, one student from each team should be chosen as "Guesser." Without the Guessers looking, the Subject Master should proceed to write down the name of a random physical object. Using only the supplies they brought to school, each team should try to build a structure that resembles the object chosen by the Subject Master. As each team builds, both Guessers should try to determine the chosen object based on what their team is creating. The first Guesser to correctly identify the object wins the game for their team!

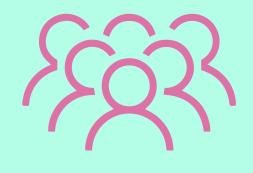


Ask God For His Will To Be Done In These Areas:



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.





Grow: Context

Where We're Going: A Closer Look At John 4:7-30

When the religious leaders discovered that Jesus' followers were baptizing more people than John the Baptist, Jesus decided to leave Judea and travel to Galilee (John 4:3). Samaria, the region wedged between Judea and Galilee, was frequently avoided by Jewish travelers due to prejudice. Samaritans were often viewed as "lesser citizens" because of their mixed heritage. Jesus' disciples would have expected Him to take the longer route and avoid the region, but Jesus knew He had a predestined conversation waiting for Him with a Samaritan woman. This conversation transformed the way she viewed God, herself and those around her.

In "From The Well, To The World", we're going to examine four things Jesus gives to the Samaritan woman:

Week #1: Fulfillment (John 4:7-18)

Week #2: Forgiveness (John 4:16-26)

Week #3: Freedom (John 4:25-30)

Week #4: Focus (John 4:25-30)

Through this study, our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will reveal Jesus and equip you to share His message with the world!



Grow: Read

John 4:16-21 (ESV)

"16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father."



Grow: Read

John 4:22-26 (ESV)

"22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for **salvation** is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."



Grow: Learn & Apply

Why Is God's Forgiveness So Important?

We Don't Deserve It

Even if we haven't been married five times, we have <u>all</u> fallen short of God's standard (Rom. 3:23), and the Bible clearly says that sin must be paid for through death (Rom. 6:23). Through Jesus' finished work on the cross, He paid the Samaritan woman's debt (and ours) by embracing a death He didn't deserve.

Scripture Must Be Fulfilled

John 4 features a back-and-forth exchange between Jesus and the woman about what true worship is all about. He reveals that He is bringing the salvation that had been foreshadowed by God's prophets!

The Wait Is Over

When Jesus reveals Himself to be the Messiah (John 4:26), it is the first time He does so in John's Gospel. Messiah translates as "the anointed one". In other words, Jesus is divinely appointed to pay the price of forgiveness for God's people!



Grow: Discuss

Let's Talk About This

Small Group Questions (If Time Allows)

Question #1

What is one thing that "jumped out" to you while reading John 4:16-26?

Question #2

Discuss why God's forgiveness is significant to you. Can you remember the moment you received His forgiveness? If you have never placed your faith in Jesus, what is keeping you from taking that step?

Question #3

What are some creative ways we can share this message with our school?



Before You GO

Big Idea





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.

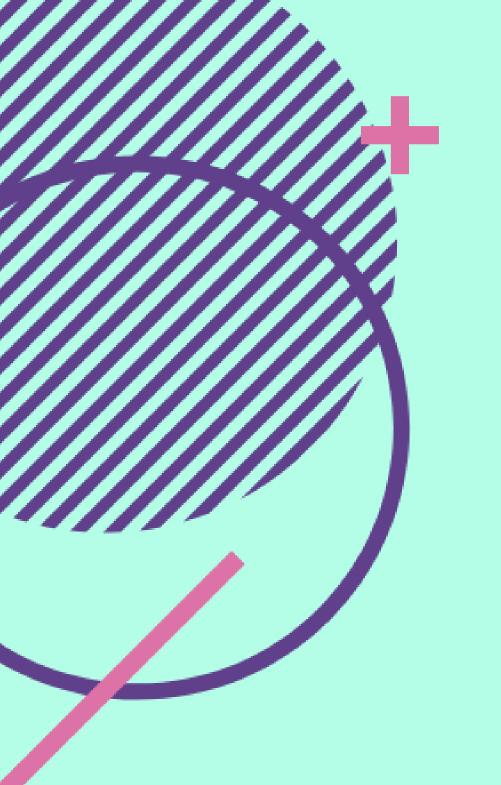


Meeting Needs

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







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