

HOW TO CHANGE THE *World*

THE POWER & SIMPLICITY OF THE EARLY CHURCH

WEEK #2

TEACHING GOD'S WORD



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How To Lead Your YCI Club



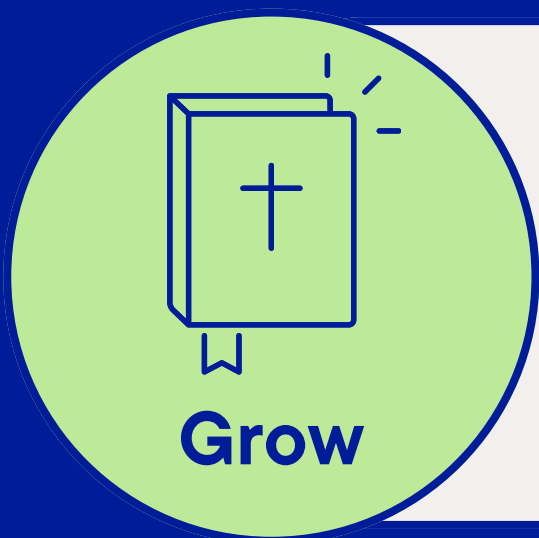
Play

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!





BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD!



First, organize the entire YCI club into a single-file line, with each student facing the back of the person in front of them. The person at the back of the line should then silently use their index finger to "draw" a word or image on the back of the person in front of them. Next, the person who received the "drawing" on their back must attempt to replicate the same drawing on the person in front of them. This sequence continues until it reaches the front of the line. The ultimate challenge is for the person at the front to guess the original word or image. A correct guess results in a team win, while an incorrect guess leads to a team loss. This activity 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 2:14–22 (ESV)



“14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. **15** For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. **16** But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: **17** “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; **18** even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. **19** And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; **20** the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. **21** And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ **22** “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—”





ACTS 2:23-33 (ESV)



“**23** this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. **24** God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. **25** For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; **26** therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. **27** For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. **28** You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ **29** “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. **30** Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, **31** he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. **32** This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. **33** Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.”





ACTS 2:34-41 (ESV)



34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, **35** until I make your enemies your footstool.” **36** Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” **37** Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” **38** And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” **40** And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” **41** So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”





THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE TEACHING GOD'S WORD



What Is The Context?

Peter begins his sermon by explaining key moments in the Old Testament that foreshadow Jesus' finished work on the cross. When we read Scripture, answering the following questions will help us understand the context:

- 1) **Who** is the author, and who are they writing to?
- 2) **What** is the occasion, and **when** were the words written?
- 3) **Where** is the author located, and **why** are their words relevant?

How Does This Point To Jesus?

While his message begins with quotations from the prophet Joel, Peter's ultimate goal is to reveal how Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament writings. All 66 books in the Bible point to Jesus, even the ones that don't narrate his earthly ministry. If we miss Jesus, we're missing the point!

What Should Be My Response?

This powerful sermon concludes with many in attendance being "cut to the heart" and seeking baptism (Acts 2:37-41). When the Bible is taught, the Holy Spirit can transform the hearts of those who hear it. Changed Christians will change the world!





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 2:14-41?

Question #2

What are some resources we can use to better understand the context (*who, what, when, where and why*) of Scripture?

Question #3

Which of the three questions (*1. What is the context?; 2. How does this point to Jesus?; 3. What should be my response?*) resonated the most with you?





BEFORE YOU GO



Big Idea

In order to teach God's Word, we must understand God's Word. Researching context, focusing on Jesus and having a willingness to respond are essential to sharing His message with the world!

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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