

HOW TO CHANGE THE *World*

THE POWER & SIMPLICITY OF THE EARLY CHURCH

WEEK #3

ENJOYING GOD'S GRACE



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How To Lead Your YCI Club



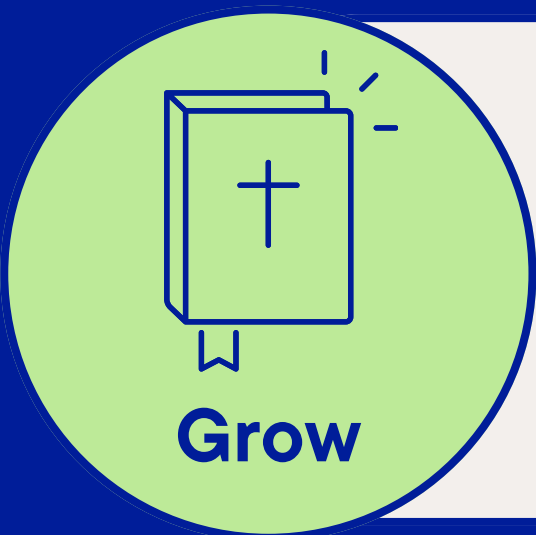
Play

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!





BINGO BOARD!



First, select one person to be the "Bingo Master." Ideally, this student should be well-known by the group and comfortable speaking in front of the room. They will be responsible for delivering a two-minute monologue on any topic of their choice. Once the Bingo Master leaves the room, each YCI club member should take out a piece of paper and create a 3x3 box with enough space to write in all nine sections. Everyone has two minutes to write a word or phrase in each box that they anticipate the Bingo Master will say about the topic. After everyone has prepared their bingo board, the Bingo Master should reenter the room and deliver the monologue. The first person to mark off three phrases (diagonally, straight down or straight across) is the winner. 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 2:42-43 (ESV)



“**42** And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. **43** And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.”





THREE GIFTS TO ENJOY WHILE YOU CHANGE THE WORLD



Before You Continue - What Is Grace?: *When we place our faith in Jesus, we receive both mercy and grace. Mercy can be defined as not receiving what we do deserve (eternal separation from God), but grace is receiving what we do not deserve. At its core, the grace we receive can be summed up into life and hope.*

Gift #1: The People With You

One of the ways we can experience life and hope is through healthy relationships, and this is on clear display in the early church's commitment to "*fellowship*" and "*breaking bread*" together (Acts 2:42)!

Gift #2: The Provision In Front Of You

As the early followers of Jesus grew together, God continued to provide for every need they had. One of the things that separates the church of Jesus Christ from the rest of the world is *gratitude*. Rather than always striving and straining for more, we can be thankful for what we have today and trust that He will continue to meet every need tomorrow.

Gift #3: The Progress Around You

Despite the opposition they faced, God continued to build this movement of Christians. Not only were they becoming stronger as individuals, but more and more people were making the decision to follow Jesus. Take note of the great things God is doing both in you and around you as you surrender to Him!





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 2:42-43?

Question #2

Which of the three gifts (*the people with you, the provision in front of you and the progress around you*) resonated the most with you?

Question #3

What is a gift from God in your life that you're thankful for? What are some practical things we can do to grow in gratitude?





BEFORE YOU GO



Big Idea

Enjoying life can be an act of worship to God. As we walk in His grace, it's important to express gratitude for the people we love, the provision we receive and the progress that takes place!

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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