

NOTHING CAN SEPARATE

God's Love In Romans 8

Week #3

Love That Gives Us Hope



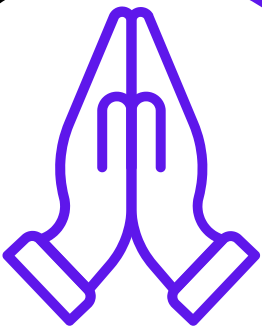
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HOW TO LEAD YOUR YCI CLUB



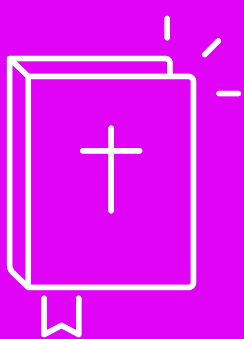
PLAY

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

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!



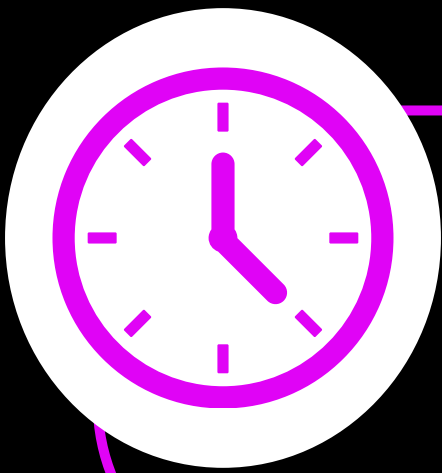
FOREHEAD FRENZY!

First, distribute a sticky note to each member of the YCI club, and instruct them to discreetly write the name of a famous person that everyone would recognize. Next, participants should affix their sticky notes to someone else's forehead without revealing the written name. Once everyone has a sticky note on their forehead, encourage them to mingle and "act out" the name to help others guess the mystery person. When someone correctly identifies the name on their forehead, they should take a seat. The last person standing loses the game!



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

After encountering Jesus on the road to Damascus, Paul shifted from attacking Christians to dedicating his life to sharing Christ's message. Romans is the most robust explanation Paul gives of the Gospel, and it was written to a church experiencing significant division. Some believed that salvation was exclusively for Jews, and others believed **the truth** that Jesus offers a new way, available to both Jews **and** Gentiles.

In the "**Nothing Can Separate**" curriculum, we're going to take a closer look at Romans chapter 8 and discover that God's love is...

- 1) Love That Sets Us Free (Rom. 8:1-14)
- 2) Love That Makes Us Brave (Rom. 8:15-17)
- 3) Love That Gives Us Hope (Rom. 8:18-30)
- 4) Love That Never Leaves (Rom. 8:31-39)

Prayerfully, through this study, we will gain a deeper understanding of God's love so that we can deeply love one another!



ROMANS 8:18-24 (ESV)

“18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. **19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. **20** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. **22** For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. **23** And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. **24** For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?”



ROMANS 8:25-30 (ESV)

"25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. **26** Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. **27** And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. **28** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. **29** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. **30** And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified."



HOW DOES HOPE CHANGE OUR PERSPECTIVE?

Problems Look Smaller

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Rom. 8:18). Comparing our problems with the promise of spending eternity in God's presence won't make them go away, but it will help them look more manageable.

Prayer Feels Easier

"...For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words" (Rom. 8:26b). When we don't understand God's love, prayer can often feel too difficult. However, when we recognize that the battle has already been won, it gives us renewed confidence in our conversations with Him!

Purpose Becomes Clearer

"And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified" (Rom. 8:30). As Christians, we have been chosen by God to tell others about Him! On this side of eternity, our mission is to tell as many people as possible about the hope that can only be found in 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 Romans 8:18-30?

QUESTION #2

Which of the three ways that hope changes our perspective (*problems look smaller, prayer feels easier and purpose becomes clearer*) resonated the most with you?

QUESTION #3

Is there a problem you're facing that seems too difficult? How does remembering God's love give you hope?



BEFORE YOU GO



BIG IDEA

God's immeasurable love gives us hope, which makes our problems look smaller, prayer feel easier and our purpose become clearer!



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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