

HOW TO CHANGE THE *World*

THE POWER & SIMPLICITY OF THE EARLY CHURCH

WEEK #4

SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE



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How To Lead Your YCI Club



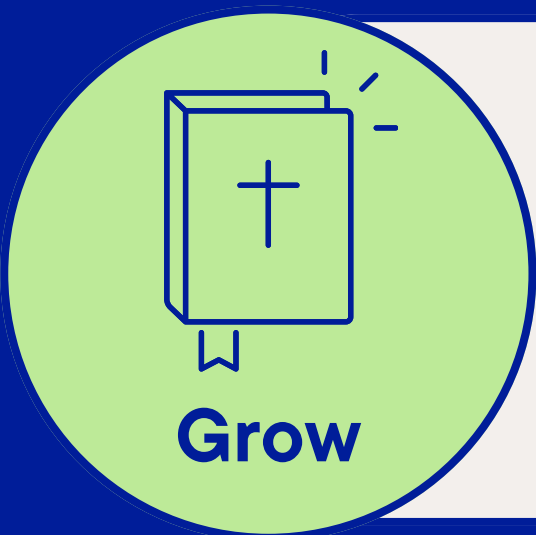
Play

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.



SS TIPS FOR USING THIS CURRICULUM SS

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!





I KNOW THAT ONE!



First, designate one person as the "DJ". It's the DJ's responsibility to either sing or play a portion of a school-appropriate song. Without accessing the internet, the remaining YCI club members should attempt to identify the title of the song. The first person to correctly shout out the title 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:

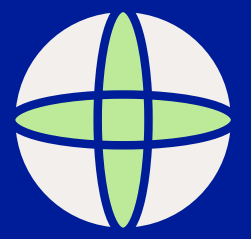
- 1)** Seeking God's Will (Acts 2:1-13)
- 2)** Teaching God's Word (Acts 2:14-41)
- 3)** Enjoying God's Grace (Acts 2:42-43)
- 4)** Serving God's People (Acts 2:44-47)

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 2:44-47 (ESV)



“**44** And all who believed were together and had all things in common. **45** And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. **46** And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, **47** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”





THREE REMINDERS ABOUT SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE



Generosity Is His Design

*“For God so loved the world, that he **gave** his only Son...” (John 3:16a).* At the core of the Gospel message, God reveals His love through the most radical act of generosity in history. When we sacrificially meet the needs of those around us, we’re communicating the heart of our Creator. Tangible acts of generosity can open the door for meaningful Gospel conversations!

It’s A Group Project

As the early church grew, they worked together to meet the needs of those in the community. When we take stock of the time, talent and treasure we have as individuals, it can sometimes feel like our impact will be minimal. However, when we combine our efforts and seek to serve the world as a unified church, the potential for impact is incredible!

You Have Something To Give

Impactful groups are comprised of impactful people.

Everyone has something to give toward the advancement of God’s Kingdom, but the enemy will try to convince you that you have nothing to contribute. Break free from the poison of comparison and confidently serve others with the gifts and talents God has given you.





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 2:44-47?

Question #2

Which of the three reminders about serving God's people (1. *Generosity is His design*; 2. *It's a group project*; 3. *You have something to give*) resonated the most with you?

Question #3

Who is someone in your life that you're going to serve this week? What do you plan on doing to help them?





BEFORE YOU GO



Big Idea

When we sacrificially serve those around us, we are demonstrating the Gospel message. As we serve, it's important to remember that generosity is God's design, giving is a group project and everyone has something they can bring to the table!

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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