

# NOTHING CAN SEPARATE

God's Love In Romans 8

Week #4

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Love That Never Leaves



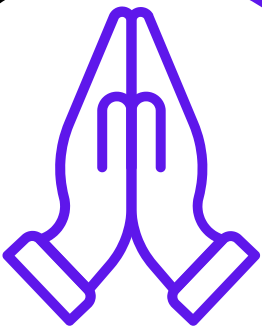
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## HOW TO LEAD YOUR YCI CLUB



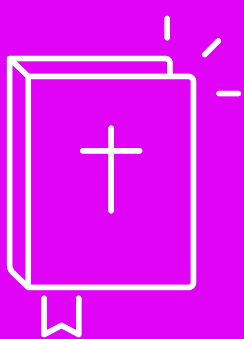
**PLAY**

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!



# EMOJI MADNESS!

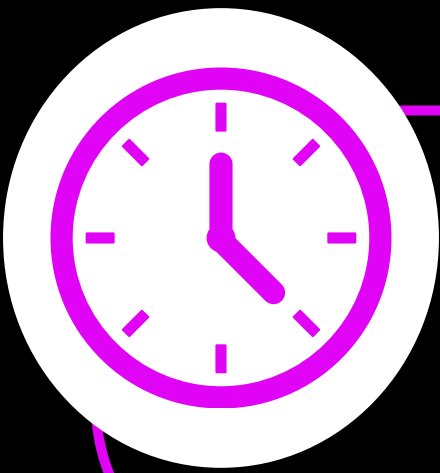
First, each member of the YCI club should pair up and locate an open space in the room. Next, within each pair, engage in a round of *rock, paper, scissors* to determine the roles of "Typer" and "Teller". Once roles are established, the Typers have one minute to grab their phones and, using only emoji symbols, depict a well-known story or event (*this can be a Bible story or a significant moment in pop culture*).

After one minute, the Teller has 30 seconds to guess the described story or situation. If they don't guess correctly, they're out of the game. Remaining participants should find new partners, repeat the *rock, paper, scissors* process to determine roles, and continue until only one person is left standing. This student is the winner of 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 8:31-39 (ESV)

**“31** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? **33** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. **34** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? **36** As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” **37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height nor depth, **nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**



# THREE LIES THAT WILL MAKE YOU QUESTION GOD'S LOVE

## Lie #1: Satan Is Too Strong

"Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies" (Rom. 8:33). Through Jesus' finished work on the cross, satan (the enemy) has been defeated. His only remaining methods of attack involve influencing our broken world through lies and deceit. When faced with these temptations, remember that you're fighting from victory, not for victory!

## Lie #2: You Are Too Broken

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (Rom. 8:37). Yes, we have sinned and messed up a lot. However, as a Christians, our identity has been changed from sinner to saint (Eph. 2:19). When God sees you, He does not see your shortcomings, He sees the victory of His Son!

## Lie #3: God Is Too Angry.

"Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38-39). All of God's wrath was poured out on Jesus at the cross (1 Thess. 5:9). This reality doesn't give us license to sin, but it does give us confidence to walk in purity!





# 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 8:31-39?

## QUESTION #2

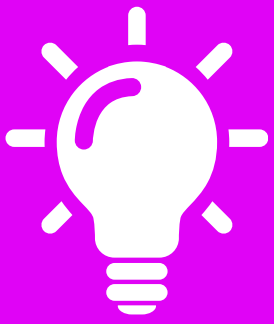
Which of the three lies (*satan is too strong, you are too broken and God is too angry*) resonated the most with you?

## QUESTION #3

Identify a lie that the enemy is attempting to deceive you with. How does the truth, as revealed in the Bible, contradict this lie?



# BEFORE YOU GO



## BIG IDEA

God's love will never leave you, but the enemy will try to convince you otherwise through these lies: 1. Satan is too strong; 2. You are too broken; 3. God is too angry.



## 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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