

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

5.8.24 - Taking a STEP of Faith

2 Corinthians 5:6-7

So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. For we live by believing and not by seeing.

Colossians 2:6-7

And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

'EVERY STUDENT HAS ANEXT STEP OF FAITH TO TAKE IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS'

LIST OF 'NEXT STEPS'

Salvation Baptism Serving Summer Camp Mission Trip Student Leadership Intern at Renovation Develop a plan for spiritual disciplines Sharing your faith with someone / For the One Making R*SQUAD / church a weekly priority

1. Group Questions

- 1. What are some of the significant steps of faith you have taken in your life? How did those steps of faith shape and grow your character and faith?
- 2. In your own words, why is taking a step of faith important? What are some of the reasons teenagers do not take steps os faith in their relationship with God?
- 3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:7. What sticks out to you about this verse? How does it apply to our discussion tonight about taking next steps?
- 4. Read Colossians 2:6-7. What do these verses teach you about growing in your relationship with Jesus? What does it mean for your 'roots to grow down into Jesus'?
- 5. Is there a 'next step' discussed that you have questions about or have been putting off for a while? Which one and why?
- 6. We believe that every single student has a step to take in their relationship with Jesus. What is YOUR next step to take as you move into this summer? What step will require faith to accomplish?
- 7. How will you commit to this step over the summer? What needs to happen NEXT for you to take action towards this step of faith?

WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT STUDENT DECISIONS AND NEXT STEP COMMITMENTS. PLEASE HAVE STUDENTS FILL OUT NEXT STEPS CARDS IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN / COMMITTING TO TAKE A STEP OF FAITH!

2. Prayer

Take a few moments to pray with your group. Invite some of your students to share about their personal next step of faith. Pray over the students in your group for BIG FAITH to step out of their comfort zone to grow their relationship with God. Pray for courage, wisdom, peace, and patience as they take a step of faith!

**Upcoming Opportunities - Encourage your group to take these next steps!

- 1. Summer Camp Sign Ups are LIVE! We are 60% full more info at www.rsquad.tv/events
- 2. Student Leadership Applications are OPEN for students who are completing grades 7-11. Spots are limited - more info at <u>www.rsquad.tv/events</u>

3. Next week is our last R*SQUAD of the school year! End of year parties will be happening for all locations!

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