

Switch Message Guide

*Middle School Leader Guide
Becoming like Jesus together.*

NARROW WAY/ WEEK 1

SCRIPTURE:

Read as a group & Read Joshua 1 together

Joshua 1:9 (NLT)

“Be strong and courageous... For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Warm up

Would you rather:

- Do something small every day that no one sees Or do one big thing that everyone notices? Why?
- What’s something you’ve had to practice a lot to get better at?
- Do you think big moments happen randomly... or are they built over time?

DISCUSSION

Let’s talk about the Bible.

Curiosity, not teaching.

- What do you think it means to be strong and courageous?
- Why would knowing God is with you help you be brave?
- What does it mean to obey someone?
 - Is it easier to obey when it’s a big moment... or small everyday things?
- Why do small choices sometimes feel unimportant?

Leader reminder: Don’t fix answers. Just affirm honesty.

TENSION

Ask these slowly. Let them answer from experience.

- Have you ever wanted to do something big... but didn’t want to do the small steps to get there?
- Why is it hard to stay consistent in the little things? Explain
- Do you think small decisions actually shape your life? Explain

Leader-Owned Tension Statement

(Do NOT ask this as a question. Say it.)

“We all want God to use us in big ways... but we struggle to follow Him in small ways.”

Connect it:

- What’s one small thing you know you should do... but don’t always do?
- Why do you think those small things matter more than we realize?

IMPORTANT:

Do not explain yet. Let the message answer this tension.

LISTEN FOR THIS

Listen for this during the message:

Listen for how God uses ordinary obedience to do extraordinary things.

PRAY

Close your group time with a short prayer.

WHERE TO NEXT?

Switch Youth Youtube:

Scan the QR code to dive deeper into the Scripture from this week’s message.

Bible Plan:

Disciple-Making Disciples



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High School Leader Guide
Becoming like Jesus together.

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SCRIPTURE:

READ AS A GROUP

JOSHUA 1:9

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Ask about verse (brief):

- What word/words stands out to you from that verse?
- Why that word?

These questions help students name what they just heard, not debate it.

- What part of the message stuck with you the most?
- What was one idea or line that challenged you?
- When you heard “ordinary obedience,” what came to mind?

Discussion: Genesis 4:9

“Be strong and courageous... For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

- Why do you think God tells Joshua to be courageous instead of just making things easy?
- How does knowing God is with you change how you face hard things?

Optional follow-up:

- Do you actually live like God is with you?

TENSION

Ask:

- Where do you want God to use your life in a big way?
- Where are you struggling to obey Him in small ways?
- Why do we often want the outcome without the discipline?

Pause. Let it sit.

Let them answer.

Don't fix it.

Connect it:

- What is one ordinary step of obedience God might be asking you to take right now?
- What has been holding you back from actually doing it?

Optional deeper follow-up:

- What would your life look like if you actually followed through?

JOURNAL MOMENT (Optional)

Prompt:

“What is one small step of obedience I know God is asking me to take?”

IMPORTANT:

They don't need to share if they don't want to share.

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