



# SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

## And It Was Good / Week 4

### BEFORE GROUP

#### BOTTOM LINE

Because good enough is never good enough, justice never stops.

#### SCRIPTURE

*James 2:15-16 NIV*

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*Galatians 6:9-10a NIV*

#### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students discover practical ways to be part of the life-long good work of speaking up and acting on behalf of those experiencing injustice.

#### THINK ABOUT THIS

Be mindful of the words you choose as you talk about the continued work of justice in the world. While we don't want students to see it as a one-time thing—one post to social media, one donation to a charity, one conversation to learn about it, one service opportunity to help—we want to be careful not to make those just starting out feel as though their efforts aren't good enough. Be sure to applaud any efforts your students share they've made so far toward justice while also encouraging them to think beyond that first step to the next good steps they can take and keep taking after that. Do your best to both acknowledge how big and daunting the work can feel, but also how purposeful and inspiring it can be to join in it with God and others. Remind students that joining the good work of justice is a choice. God is already working toward it whether we decide to join in or not. Challenge your group to have the courage to choose to get into the work alongside God and others to see more good come to life in their world.

*This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the content as needed, and don't feel like you need to complete everything listed.*

### DURING GROUP

#### DISCUSS THIS

1. Who is someone you know or follow whose work for justice inspires you? Tell us about them!
2. Do you think you could ever do something similar? Why or why not?
3. *Upperclassmen Question:* Do you know of anyone your age who is doing similar work? Tell us about them!
4. What's one reason a high schooler might think they're incapable or ready to do something about injustice in the world?
5. Why do you think people sometimes give up on the good work of justice?
6. What's one way we can encourage one another not to grow weary in (or get worn out by) the work?
7. What might our continued work toward justice show others about our faith?
8. What's one thing you have right now that you can use for the good of others?
9. This week, what's one step you can take every day to put that to work for good?

## TRY THIS

Come up with a way to serve and respond to an injustice in your community together as a group. You may have students who are unsure how to start or afraid to do it alone. So, create an opportunity to do it together! This isn't so students can check a one-time box and move on; it's to give them an entry point to building a habit of doing the good work of justice with others by their side.

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