

LEAD SHEET

LIFE IS NOT A GAME : WEEK 4

The Journey

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FAITH SKILL:

NAVIGATE THE BIBLE

If you want to know God better, read His Word!

GETTING STARTED

General Discussion:

- How many of you have ever gotten lost?
- Where were you? What happened?
- How were you found?

We've been talking about how life is not a game. Today, we're going to challenge you to think of life as a journey, one where we can't afford to lose our way. Luckily, we don't have to. There is a map to guide our steps. But the map may not be what you think it is.

DIGGING IN

Read Acts 5:17-25

Discussion Questions:

1. According to the passage, why were the apostles jailed? (*The leaders were jealous.*)
2. What happened in verse 19? (*The apostles were rescued.*)
3. What did God tell them to do? (*Go preach.*)
4. What did the apostles do, starting in verse 21? (*They went and preached.*)

Read Acts 5:26-32

Discussion Questions:

1. What did the leaders do to the apostles when they discovered the apostles preaching again (see verse 26)?
(Brought them in.)
2. What did they say to the apostles (see verse 28)?
3. How did the apostles respond?
(“We must obey God, not you.”)
4. What do you think about their response? Would you have given in?

The apostles, despite great danger, decided to obey God. Their obedience is admirable, but it should come as no surprise. Neither should obedience in our life be rare or surprising.

Look Up The Following Verses

(Have students look up the following texts. Have them read on their own. Then ask the questions that follow.)

- Deuteronomy 4:1
- Deuteronomy 28:1
- John 14:15
- Romans 2:13
- 1 John 2:3

Discussion Questions:

1. What do each of these passages say about obedience?
2. How are obedience and love related in the life of a Christ follower?
3. How well do you think you obey God?

MAKING IT REAL

We've all been lost, and we've all used a map. But you probably didn't realize that life is sort of like that, too. To obey in life is similar to consulting a map. Life is a journey, and we need directions to follow so we don't feel lost.

General Discussion:

1. Have you ever felt "lost" in life? When? What happened to make you feel that way?
2. What are some of God's most important directions for life?
3. What is one way you really struggle to obey God? *(Try to get everyone to answer this one.)*
4. What influenced the apostles to feel so strongly about obeying God?
5. If you were in their situation, would you have been tempted to obey the people questioning you instead? Why?
6. There are lots of people and situations that will call for your obedience, and be sure about one thing - you're always obeying SOMEONE. Why is it better to obey God over anyone else?
7. How can obeying other influences (friends at school, stuff online, rumors, or gossip) bring you down?
8. How can obeying other voices in your life lead to becoming lost?

If you find yourself getting lost in life, try obedience. But the only way you can obey is by knowing the map. In the life of a Christian, the Bible is that guiding force.

David says in the Psalms, "I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."

I want to challenge you to look up some verses that relate to one of your greatest struggles and memorize scripture concerning it. This will help you not get lost in that particular area. Each of you should make that a part of your Power Up time this coming week!

CLOSING PRAYER

I want to pray for each of you that you can obey God over anyone or anything else. As you leave today, know that God is with you. You should fear no man, but God alone.
(Pray for your students)