



# SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Deep / Week 1

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### BOTTOM LINE

God uses our actions, not just our knowledge, to grow our faith.

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:24-25 NIV

### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To encourage students to put into action their knowledge related to faith.

### THINK ABOUT THIS

Students may have a hard time understanding why it's so important to act on their faith. They may see it as creating a to-do list of things that will help them earn God's love or acceptance instead of about growing both as people and in faith. This concept can be challenging for even the most mature believers to grasp, so don't be surprised when your middle schoolers struggle to take hold of it right away.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here.

### JUST FOR FUN

If you were scuba diving, what's the one deep-sea creature you'd hope to see?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In the same way we can dive deep into the ocean when we're scuba diving, God wants us to dive deeper into our faith. Let's talk about what that might look like today!

1. What's something (a subject in school, an instrument, a hobby, etc.) that you want to learn more about?
2. What's one way you could start learning about that thing?
3. Do you think it's important to learn more about or go deeper in your faith? Why or why not?
4. In what ways might your life look different if you had a deeper faith?
5. What's one thing that might make growing deeper in faith difficult or challenging for a middle schooler?
6. Why do you think it's important to do something with what you know?
7. What's one thing you want to learn more about when it comes to your faith?
8. This week, what's one step you can take to do something with what you believe?

### XP (EXPERIENCE)

Put this week's lesson into practice by talking through ways God says Christians should live. Then, as a group, come up with one thing you can do together to grow your faith through your actions—things like serving others, spending time with God, or changing how you treat or react to people. Commit to practicing this action as a group this week and send out an encouraging text to your few as a reminder that God uses our actions to grow our faith.