



Purpose: To challenge the members to be givers. Especially giving Jesus to friends who don't have a relationship with Him.

INCLUDE (WEEK 1) SMALL GROUPS—GIVING

Purpose: To discuss and develop an attitude of giving in club members.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Refreshments

MEETING AGENDA:

1. Pre-meeting prayer (leaders)
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements
 - Inspire week speaker
 - Invest week outreach
 - Outreach assignments to club members (invite friends, etc.)
 - Other
4. Icebreaker
5. Small group discussion
6. Prayer/dismiss



DISCUSSION:

Divide into groups of three to five students and ask them to discuss the following questions. You may want to select a facilitator for each group to keep the discussion moving. You may also wish to provide each facilitator or each group with a list of the questions and comments to be discussed.

1. Why are we so selfish when we have so much compared to others around the world?
2. Are you a giver or a taker? Would you rather give or receive? (Be honest.)
3. When was the last time you gave sacrificially?
4. What is the greatest thing ever given to you?
5. What can we give our school that will have a lasting effect?
6. When was the last time you gave someone hope (Jesus Christ)?

Pray as a small group for God to give you opportunities to give hope to someone during this season of giving.



If time allows, answer the following questions in your small groups:

1. What can you apply from today's discussion to your life?
2. Do you have daily time alone with God in prayer and His Word?
3. What have you learned from God's Word this week?
4. Did you attend church or youth service this past week?
5. What did you learn from the message/lesson?

PRAYER/DISMISS

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Club Project: Hope for Christmas

Give the Book of Hope to every student in your school for Christmas as the "club's gift to the campus." Gift wrap each copy of the book as you would a Christmas gift. Plan a day in December to stand at the school exits and pass out the gifts to each student as he or she leaves for the day. The faculty sponsor can help obtain permission from school administration. Be creative! There is more than one way to hand out the gifts.

Club Project: Toys for Tots

Organize a "Toys for Tots" drive at your school. Consult your administration first before you plan this project.

Club Project: Soup Kitchen

Volunteer at a soup kitchen or local mission to serve those in need. Consult with the club sponsor and youth pastor.





INSPIRE (WEEK 2) GUEST SPEAKER—GIVING

Purpose: To inspire members to give hope to others, both spiritually and physically.

BEFORE THE MEETING:

- Invite the speaker at least two weeks in advance and give him or her the topic (unity and teamwork).
- Instruct the speaker how and when to wrap up his or her time.
- Instruct the speaker what time and where to meet the day of the club.
- Select a student to meet the speaker at the office, help him or her sign in as a visitor, and take him or her to the meeting room.
- Select a student to introduce the speaker. You will need to get background information prior to the meeting. Give the information to the student who will introduce the speaker. Instruct him or her to practice the introduction before the meeting.
- Contact your guest speaker again a day or two before the meeting to reconfirm everything. (This is also a good time to verify your facts for the introduction.)
- Remember the goal is to motivate students, not to share denominational issues.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Speaker (“Toys for Tots” area director, director of a soup kitchen or local mission, a Christian businessperson, teacher, sponsoring youth pastor, senior pastor, or other Christian leader)
- Refreshments

MEETING AGENDA:

1. Pre-meeting prayer (leaders)
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements
 - Invest week outreach event
 - Follow-up on or assign outreach assignments
 - Other
4. Introduce speaker
5. Guest speaker
6. Prayer/dismiss



ICEBREAKER:

No icebreaker is listed due to time limitations. Give your guest speaker as much time as possible to speak; if time allows, a human video or short drama can be effective. The presentation should be inspirational and based upon the theme for the meeting.

PRAYER/DISMISS

Note: Be sure to send a thank you card to your speaker as soon as possible after the meeting.



INVOLVE (WEEK 3) STUDENT SPEAKERS—GIVING

Note: You will likely have only have 3 weeks of school due to the mid-winter break. Consider combining weeks 3 and 4. For example, the student testimonies can be a gospel presentation as students share what giving means to them, and how Jesus came to give His life for us.

Purpose: To share what personal giving means.

BEFORE THE MEETING:

- Ask two to three students to be prepared to speak using the outline below or to develop an outline of their own that features the subject "Giving."
- Ask a youth pastor to review the written testimonies, if necessary, and give suggestions.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Refreshments

MEETING AGENDA:

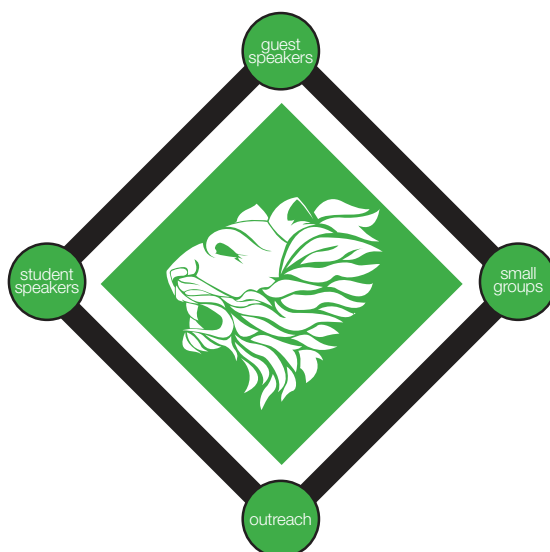
1. Pre-meeting prayer (leaders)
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements
 - Invest week outreach event
 - Follow-up on or assign outreach assignments
 - Other
4. Introduce student speakers (name and grade)
5. Student speakers
6. Questions and answers
7. Prayer/dismiss

SUGGESTED OUTLINE

Tell about a special gift you've received, why it is important to you, and how it helped you. Share about the gifts God gives each of us. Encourage students to be givers.

PRAYER/DISMISS:

Spend at least five minutes in prayer. Announce next week's speaker. Challenge the group to bring friends who are going through a tough time to Invest week next week.





INVEST (WEEK 4) OUTREACH EVENT—GIVING

Purpose: To invest the Message of hope, Jesus Christ, in your friends and on your campus.

BEFORE THE MEETING:

- Think creatively. What can you do that would make your pre-Christian friends want to come to Youth Alive this week?
- Secure the speaker at least two weeks in advance. Give them the following guidelines as they prepare:
 1. Be prepared to ask the students to respond to the message and receive Christ as their Savior and Lord.
 2. Speak confidently; clearly and energetically tell everyone about Jesus, then lead those who are willing in a prayer of repentance and faith.
 3. Keep in mind the purpose for the week. Response cards will be given out.
 4. This should not be a story of one's church, but of the Lord who wants a relationship with each person.
 5. Don't use religious terms (like "sanctified" or "redeemed"); visitors who have never been to church do not understand the lingo.
 6. Stay away from abstract, hard-to-define concepts and stick to the practical. What is applicable?
 7. Allow enough time at the end to pass out and collect response cards.
- Select members to be responsible for distributing and collecting response cards. Give them clear instruction as to when and how this should happen.
- Plan for effective follow-up. Students who bring friends should follow up with them concerning a commitment to Jesus, to answer questions, involve them in a local church, and bring them back next week for Include week's small groups.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Food/breakfast (e.g., doughnuts). Ask a church to sponsor the cost as an evangelistic investment.
- Response cards and pens

MEETING AGENDA:

1. Pre-meeting prayer (leaders)
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements (Limit to date, time, and location for the next meeting)
4. Introduce student speaker





5. Student testimony/gospel presentation
6. Invitation, prayer, response cards
7. Dismiss/initial follow-up

OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

- Worship band with gospel presentation, followed by an explanation of salvation.
- Creative drama with gospel presentation, followed by an explanation of salvation.
- Video with gospel presentation, followed by an explanation of salvation.

SUGGESTED OUTLINE: "GENERATION GENEROUS"

A. "Growing up" means becoming mature.

1. A mature person thinks more about others than they think about themselves.
2. Babies are self-centered.
3. A baby grows up, and stops acting like a child, or he is known as a "big baby."
4. The principle applies to the Christian walk.

B. Why should we be givers?

1. God said so.
 - a. The Bible tells us to give. "Give, and it will be given to you" (Luke 6:38, NIV).
 - b. Give your time, service, finances, and prayers.
2. God will bless you.

"A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap" (Luke 6:38, NIV).
3. You become more like God.
 - a. "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children" (Ephesians 5:1, NIV).
 - b. God is the ultimate Giver. "For God so loved the world that he gave..." (John 3:16, NIV).

C. How do you give?

1. With faith.
 - a. God's greatest disappointment is when we doubt Him.
 - b. His greatest joy is when we believe Him.
2. Generously.

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously" (2 Corinthians 9:6).

