



## INCLUDE (WEEK 1) SMALL GROUPS—PASSION

Purpose: To include every student in the club and discuss the issue of a passion for God.

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Chairs for each member of the group
- Refreshments
- Items for Icebreaker
  1. Marshmallows
  2. Toothpicks

### SAMPLE MEETING AGENDA

1. Pre-meeting prayer (leaders)
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements
  - Inspire week's speaker
  - Invest week's outreach
  - Outreach assignments (hang up posters, invite friends, etc.)
4. Icebreaker: "Porcupine"
5. Discussion (small groups)
6. Prayer/Dismiss



### ICEBREAKER: "PORCUPINE"

Divide into equal teams in a single file line. All the players need to have a toothpick in their mouths. Without using your hands, pass a large marshmallow down the line using only toothpicks to hold it. Each player must leave their toothpick in the marshmallow so that it becomes a porcupine as it goes through the line. First team done wins.

### DISCUSSION:

Divide students into small groups, 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 want to provide each facilitator or group with a list of the questions and comments to be discussed.

1. What is passion?
2. What things are you passionate about?
3. What was Jesus' passion?
4. What does it mean to have a passion for God?

Close the discussion with prayer. Ask God to prepare our non-Christian friends to hear about



Jesus. Daily ask God to use you to tell them.

***If time allows, answer the following questions in your small group.***

1. What can you apply from today's discussion to your life?
2. Do you have daily time alone with God I 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





## INSPIRE (WEEK 2) GUEST SPEAKER—PASSION

Purpose: To inspire the club members to regain or have a passion for God through the teaching of the guest speaker.

### BEFORE THE MEETING:

- Invite the speaker at least two weeks in advance and give him/her the topic: respect.
- Instruct the speaker how and when to wrap up his/her time.
- Inform the speaker of the time, day and location of the club meeting.
- Select a student to meet the speaker at the office, help him/her sign in as a visitor and take him/her to the room where the club meets.
- 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.
- Contact your guest speaker again a day or two before the meeting to confirm everything.

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Speaker (youth pastor, senior pastor, Christian leader)
- Refreshments

### SAMPLE MEETING AGENDA

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



### SUGGESTION:

Send a thank you card to your speaker as soon as possible after the meeting.

### SAMPLE GUEST SPEAKER OUTLINE: "GOD REMEMBERS"

Text: Jeremiah 2:1-3

Introduction:

How many times have you lost something before? There is a story of an elderly woman who had lost her glasses. She spent hours upon hours looking for her glasses. She tore apart room, her house, her car. She looked everywhere for her glasses. It wasn't until she happened



to walk by a mirror that she noticed her glasses were right there on the top of her head. She had them the whole time. It wasn't until she looked in the mirror that she noticed they were there.

Similarly, many of us have lost something that was very close to us in our lives. In Jeremiah 2, the Lord is speaking through Jeremiah about the nation of Israel. The children of Israel lost their passion for God. I believe many of us have lost the passion for God that we once had. The Lord gives us some guidelines to follow to regain the passion we once had.

## I. Devotion to God

- A. Psalm 16:4—We must be loyal and devoted to God. In verse 2, David expresses his loyalty to God. In verse 4, he warns us of the risk of allowing other gods into our lives. We let so many worldly things into our lives that it sucks our passion dry. We must have no god apart from the one true God.
- B. Psalm 84:10-12—Again we see David describing the loyalty and devotion to God we must have and the blessings of being devoted to God.
- C. How to be devoted to God:
  - 1. Seek God daily.
  - 2. Read His Word.
  - 3. Long for a devoted relationship.



## II. Love for God.

- A. Revelation 2:4—Jesus has seen the love that we once had. (Illustration: The love of a man and wife when they're first married compared to 30 years down the road.) At one time in our lives, we loved the Lord with everything in us.
- B. We need to show God how much we love him. We need to show Him the love that we once showed Him. How?
  - 1. By loving people and feeding His sheep (John 21:15-19). In this passage, Jesus tells us that if we love Him, we are to feed his sheep. He is telling us that we must love people.
  - 2. By reclaiming the passion you once had for the lost. Remember when you would do almost anything to reach out to that lost soul? God remembers.

## III. Faithful to God

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1, NIV). We must be faithful to God. Look at the many examples of faithful people whose faith gave them a tremendous passion for the Lord. When we are faithful, we



will begin to see the amazing works of God in our lives. This faithfulness will ignite a passion in our bones that we can't hide.

## CONCLUSION:

We must be loyal to God. We must love. We must be faithful. God remembers the passion and desire we once had for Him. Even when our hearts grow cold and our devotion weakens, His love remains. We may forget God, but He remembers us.

## PRAYER/DISMISS

Everyone close your eyes. I believe that right now, God is going to begin to remind you of the passion that you once had for Him. Do you remember the joy that filled your life when you first became a Christian? Do you remember the commitments you made, pledging to do anything He told you to do? Do you remember the thrill you experienced each time you came to understand a new dimension of God's nature.

God has not changed. He is the same person you gave your heart to when you first became a Christian. If your passion for Him is not as intense as it once was, ask Him to restore that intimate relationship you once had with Him and to help you to have devotion, love, faithfulness and a passion for Him.





### INVOLVE (WEEK 3) STUDENT SPEAKERS—PASSION

Purpose: To share the importance of having a passion for evangelism.

#### BEFORE THE MEETING:

- Ask two or three students to be prepared to speak using the outline you have created that features the inning topic. (See sample outline on the following page.)
- Ask a youth leader to review the written testimonies, if necessary, and give suggestions.

#### YOU WILL NEED:

- Refreshments

#### SAMPLE MEETING AGENDA

1. Pre-meeting prayer (leaders)
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements
  - Invest week’s outreach
  - Follow up on or assign outreach assignments
4. Icebreaker: “Cheetos®”
5. Introduce student speakers (name and grade)
6. Student speakers
7. Questions and answers
8. Prayer/Dismiss



#### ICEBREAKER: “CHEETOS®”

Version #1: Pair up students. One must feed the other a small bag of Cheetos® with their toes.

Version #2: Put whip cream on one of the team member’s face and the other throw Cheetos®. They get points for the Cheetos® that stick.

#### SAMPLE STUDENT SPEAKER OUTLINE: “OUTREACH”

Text: Philippians 2:12-16

“You shine like stars in the world as you hold out the word of life” (Philippians 2:15-16, NIV).

- A. A Christian offers to any who will receive it the Word of life—the Word that gives life.
- B. The Christian missionary endeavor has two aspects.



1. It is the proclamation of the gospel in a clear, understandable way.
2. It is the witness of a life that is a light in a dark world. Christians are to be lights in the world. A Christian offers and demonstrates a life full of light in a dark world.

C. Illustration—Personal outreach testimony

## PRAYER/DISMISS

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





### INVEST (WEEK 4) OUTREACH EVENT—PASSION

Purpose: To show Christ’s passion and love to the non-believer

#### BEFORE THE MEETING:

- Think creatively of things that would make your non-Christian friends want to come to Youth Alive this week.
- Secure the speaker at least two weeks in advance.

#### YOU WILL NEED:

- Food/Breakfast
- Response cards and pens
- 4 spoons, 4 cups of milk, 4 cups of cereal
- CD prize giveaway

#### SAMPLE MEETING AGENDA

1. Pre-meeting prayer
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements (limit to time, date and location for the next meeting)
4. Icebreaker: “Human cereal bowl”
5. Introduce student speaker (name and grade)
6. Student testimony/gospel presentation
7. Invitation, prayer, response cards
8. Dismiss/Initial follow-up



#### ICEBREAKER: “HUMAN CEREAL BOWL”

Get four teams of two (freshman team, sophomore team, junior team, senior team). Give each team a spoon, a cup of milk and a cup of cereal. One member of each team will be the “human cereal bowl.” The other member will be the hungry cereal eater. The race begins by pouring the cereal and milk into the mouth of the “human cereal bowl.” The first team to eat all the cereal out of their team-mates mouth wins a CD.

#### STUDENT TESTIMONY/GOSPEL PRESENTATION: “CHRIST’S PASSION”

Suggestion: Ask for permission to show clips from the movie *Passion of the Christ*.

God’s Salvation is:

1. Common to all who believe (Jude 3).
2. For all nations (Romans 1:5)
3. Great because of what it saves us from (Hebrews 2:2-3; Titus 2:14).
4. Eternal because of Who brought it (Hebrews 9:12; 7:25).





### CONCLUSION: SINNER'S PRAYER

Dear Jesus, I am a sinner. Please have mercy on me. I believe that You died on the cross and shed Your blood so that my sins could be forgiven. I believe, Jesus, that You rose from the dead and sit at the right hand of God and that You intercede for me. Lord Jesus, come into my heart and wash all my sins away with Your blood. Be my Savior. Your Word says You won't turn anyone away, and that includes me. Therefore, I know You've heard me, and I know You've answered me. And I know I'm saved. Thank You, Jesus, for saving my soul and giving me new life.

