



eGroup Leader Discussion Guide

Leaders: If you have a youth in your group give their life to Jesus, please make sure they fill out [this form](#) and check the box that says, "I am giving my life to Jesus."

TIPS FOR TALKING TO YOUTH:

- **Don't ask yes/no questions.** If you ask questions they can answer with one word, they will. Begin your questions with things like "What do you think about..." or "How would you..."
- **LISTEN to their responses.** Make eye contact. They'll know if you're not really paying attention.
- **Ask genuine follow-up questions.** "What made you think of that?" "That's interesting. Could you tell me more about that?" "Why did that challenge/encourage you?"
- **Some silence is good.** Sometimes they need to think about the question or someone's answer so they can evaluate their own response. Don't feel like someone has to be talking at all times.
- **They need activity.** Sitting still and talking the whole time can make them lose focus. Mix up the conversation with things like pair-up questions, telling them to hold up their right hand if they agree or left hand if they disagree, or even short games like telling them the first person to find the scripture from the sermon in their Bible gets to ask the group leader any question.
- **It's okay if you don't have the answer!** If you don't know something, admit it. Tell them you'll get back to them — it's a great way to have follow-up meetings and to let your youth build trust and connection with you.

OPEN WITH PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You so much for the message we just heard. Help us focus while we talk about it so we can learn how You want to use the message in our lives. We invite You into this conversation. In Jesus' name, amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How would you rank night 1 of YTHX2020 on a scale of 1—10?
- Tim said he got afraid in a haunted house. How much money would it take for you to walk through a haunted house alone?
- Read [Luke 15:12-18](#) (we recommend the Message version). What "hits different" in this story?
- The younger son in the Bible story wanted his inheritance now. If you could have one thing right now that you're having to wait for, what would it be? Why?
- The Prodigal Son got far away from his father. How close or far do you feel from your Heavenly Father right now? Explain.
- Tim listed declarations that the enemy will try to make us believe, like, "I'm not good enough, not adequate, not valuable, not worthy..." Do any of these resonate with you? What does God say about those statements?
- "If it's not fun later, that means that it's not fun now." Have you ever had to learn that lesson the hard way? Talk about what happened and what you learned.
- Tim said, "Whatever can be shaken, will be shaken." What has been shaken in your life this year?
- Tim pointed out, "Isolation intensifies our pain." How has this season of isolation intensified your pain? How can your eGroup help you?
- You can pick your decisions, but you cannot pick your consequences. Talk about how you've experienced this truth.
- Tim said, "You want what you lost, but you won't return to what you left." Talk about something you know you need to return to, but it's not easy. Why is it a struggle?
- After night 1 of YTHX2020, what are your expectations for the rest of the week? What do you want to learn and experience?

