



Loop



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Out of the Ordinary
Week 1: Bright

Big Question

Who or what are you reflecting to the world?

The Verse

Ephesians 5:8 NLT

For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!

Order of Experience

Countdown/Hang Out
Icebreaker in Small Groups
Emcee Welcome
Worship
Emcee Transition to Message
Message/Salvation
Offering
Announcements
Activity/Small Group
Small Group Discussion
Check Out

Small Group Discussion

YouVersion Bible Plan

Make sure students check out the Bible Plan associated with this series:

Who Does God Say I Am?

Icebreaker Question

If you could look into a mirror that somehow only showed your best character traits, what would you see?

Choose questions for your small group.

1. What stood out to you the most from the message? What's one thing you learned?
2. What things do you tend to favor or give a lot of attention? (Examples: your technology, grades, choices, abilities, friends, etc.)
3. Have you ever felt ordinary, or not special? What did that feel like? How did you react? *Remind them they are extraordinary because God made them! They're His unique, irreplaceable creation.*
4. Read **Ephesians 5:8 NLT**. According to this verse, how are we supposed to live? How are we changed? *We are now forgiven! We should reflect God's light!*
5. What does it mean to "reflect God like a mirror"? If God is invisible, how do we reflect Him? *Your identity is where your "mirror" is pointing. We were made in the image of God, and we become a beacon of light for others to see Him, too. We read the Bible and mirror what we see Jesus did.*
6. Pray together. Pray that your students would realize they *are* defined only by God's view of them! They're precious to Him and individually loved. Pray they'd be able to reflect the shining bright light of Jesus to others.

Leader Notes/Announcements

*Promote **Swerve** to your 6th grade students.

*Encourage 6th grade students to come to Switch with a friend.

*Tell your students about the **YouVersion Bible Plan** and encourage them to complete it together as a group or with their families using Plans with Friends.