



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Haters / Week 2

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

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STORY

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LEADER PREP

BOTTOM LINE

Assume the best, and trust God with the rest.

SCRIPTURE

But someone told the king of Jericho, "Some Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land." So the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab: "Bring out the men who have come into your house, for they have come here to spy out the whole land." Rahab had hidden the two men, but she replied, "Yes, the men were here earlier, but I didn't know where they were from. They left the town at dusk, as the gates were about to close. I don't know where they went. If you hurry, you can probably catch up with them." (Actually, she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them beneath bundles of flax she had laid out.) (Joshua 2:2-6 NLT).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To challenge students not to label someone as a lost cause, but instead to believe the potential God could have for them.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—as you're steering this conversation, be aware that you might have students who belong to conflicting social groups. Do your best to find the balance between honesty and creating unnecessary tension among your students.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Create meaningful conversation. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Without getting specific about individual people, what are some common categories people are lumped into in high school?
2. Pick one of the groups we identified in question one. What are some common assumptions people make about the people in that group?
3. Why is it easy to believe some people have less potential based on the category we put them in?
4. Why do you think the Bible is full of messed up, imperfect people who God used to do awesome things?
5. How does assuming the best about people change the way you treat them?
6. Think about one person you've put into a category. What's one thing you can do this week to change the way you see them? (*Pray for them, initiate a conversation with them, sit with them at lunch, etc.*)

TRY THIS

Leaders—remind your students that the way they view people won't change overnight. Encourage them to ask God for help in assuming the best about others.