



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

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BOTTOM LINE

Even when you fail, He's for you.

SCRIPTURE

God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant (Romans 5:20 NLT).

Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? (Romans 2:4 NLT).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To encourage students to embrace the fact that God is kind toward them—He is for them, not against them.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—it can be easy to get angry, frustrated, and fed up with the students we lead and the choices they make. This week is a great opportunity to approach our students the way God approaches us: with kindness, tolerance, and patience.

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think we have the tendency to be harder on ourselves than others?
2. If you had to describe the way you think God feels about you right now, what would you say?
3. Why is it so much easier to believe that God is *angry, frustrated, and fed up* than it is to believe that He's *kind, tolerant, and patient*?
4. Are there situations where you have a harder time believing God is kind, tolerant, and patient with you? What are they?
5. What are some lies about God you tend to believe? How do the truths we talked about today contradict those lies? (*Leaders—make sure you write their answers down.*)
6. What's one practical way you can remind yourself of these truths this week?
7. How can we encourage each other this week with these truths?

TRY THIS

Leaders—at some point this week, text your students and remind them to replace the lies they came up with in question #5 with the truths we talked about this week.