

CLUB SERIES GUIDE

MORE TO YOUR STORY

Dear Campus Life Club Leader - Thank you so much for leading this Club with your students! Below you will find a few important notes and clarifications about what to expect as you move through this series. We also recommend you [review the standards and best practices for the Club RMA](#) found at YFC's Knowledge Base before starting Club.

WHO IS THIS SERIES FOR?

More To Your Story is meant for high school students. We will spend four weeks diving deeper into relevant topics that teenagers are facing every day. Each week will discuss moving beyond something (Family Pics, Highlights, Social Media & Point of View - POV). We want students to understand that life is much more meaningful and deeper than what we post and what we take in on social media and that our stories deserve a whole lot more than a picture that disappears or the amount of likes we get.

Leading up to this Club series, we would recommend that you and your Ministry Leaders watch *The Social Dilemma* on Netflix and consider bringing your students into viewing it as well.

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To view the word documents, you will need to make sure you have the YFC Steelfish font downloaded! Get it here: <https://yf.cx/steelfish>. We've included PDF versions of the lessons as well!

FEEDBACK

If you enjoyed this series and want to share some feedback, stories of how this impacted your ministry, or have any questions/concerns, please contact us at campuslife@yfc.net.

MORE TO YOUR STORY

Q2 MORE TO YOUR STORY - 01 BEYOND THE FAMILY PICS

PLAYLIST

<https://open.spotify.com/user/campuslife1965>

PURPOSE

The purpose of this club is to give students a chance to see that every family has issues and no one is perfect. We will talk through that God sees each of our families' issues and never leave our side.

NOTE TO SITE DIRECTOR

You will need to prep this by having old family pictures of your leaders.

MINISTRY LEADER EMPOWERMENT

This month, along with hitting key school events, try to provide a couple of Building Times every week. Consider organizing a larger co-ed activity for a large group of students, and then have any of the staff team who can try to hang out with a smaller group of students. Relationships built outside of the weekly Club meeting forms the glue that keeps Club together and helps set up deepened ACSRs with lost kids.

RMA CONNECTION

APPOINTMENTS

After this Club, family issues might come up that students want to share. Make sure you coach your leaders on how to listen to family issues without trying to fix things. We must learn to listen, have empathy, offer love and grace, and take action when needed.

PREP

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Projector & Speaker for Media
- Paper
- Markers
- Pre-Drawn pictures
- Old family photos of leaders

WELCOME

Welcome to our brand-new series: "More to the Story." Tonight, we start back at your childhood - "Looking Beyond the Family Pic." (*IDEA: Share a few photos from your childhood family pics and narrate what was going on*). Our Family Pics usually just show the highpoints of our life, but we all know there is more to our story than the highpoints! We may want to put on a "picture perfect" face, but it's just not that easy. Kind of like this...

CROWDBREAKER

PICTURE PERFECT

SUPPLIES NEEDED: 5 pieces of paper and a marker/pen for each group, Have an artistic person draw simple "pictures from childhood" in advance. *Ideas:* Family Portrait, Fish aquarium, Care Bears, Cat with kittens, Family in a boat with someone wakeboarding.

DIRECTIONS:

Divide into teams of 8-10 and have them stand in a single file line, arms-length apart. Show the first person in each line the drawing. They verbally describe it to the person behind them (in a whisper). Continue on down the line. The last person in line draws what they hear on a full sheet of paper. Have each drawer hold their drawing up for all to see. Hold up the original and pick the one that is closest as the winner. Rotate the line and repeat. Do about 5 pictures

SMALL GROUP GAMES

[VIEW SMALL GROUP GAMES & ACTIVITIES IDEAS HERE](#)

If you are working with smaller groups, we recommend playing **THE FAMILY GAME** and **THE COUNT** for this Club. You can access supplies needed and gameplay instructions by utilizing the link above.

VIRTUAL GAMES

[VIEW VIRTUAL GAMES IDEAS HERE](#)

If you are working with students in a virtual setting, we recommend playing **3 IN 5** and **I NEED A...** for this Club. You can access supplies needed and gameplay instructions by utilizing the link above.

TRANSITION

Simone Biles is widely known as one of the greatest gymnasts of all time and one of the best athletes in the world across any sport. If you watched the Olympics or any kind of coverage featuring her, you will most likely see her grandparents close by, constantly cheering her on. But there is so much more going underneath the surface than loving grandparents and a successful athlete. Check her story...

MEDIA

Q3 MORE TO YOUR STORY - 01 SIMONE BILES

*at 2:35 Simone uses the word "damn" describing the Larry Nasser scandal.

DISCUSSION

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Hi/Low/Buffalo - what was the best part of your week (Hi), the worst part (Low) and something random you can tell us (Buffalo)?
- 2) Simone Biles seems like she would have a perfect life, but there is so much underneath the surface. What stuck out to you here in her story?
- 3) We moved beyond Simone Biles' family photo tonight and saw beneath the surface. If you had to post 1 family picture, what picture would you post? What's the story behind that picture?
- 4) Are there not so picture-perfect moments that you have with your family? What would those moments look like for you?
- 5) Why is it so easy for us to look at someone else's "picture perfect" family and compare it to ours? Do you think there are any perfect families?
- 6) How do you respond when your story has moments you'd rather forget?

WRAP UP

It's so easy to look at our news feed on social media and see everyone posting picture perfect family photos. Maybe you think you're the only one in your groups of friends, in your grade, in your school that has some not-so-picture perfect family moments. I don't think Simone necessarily wants pictures of the family moments talked about in this clip in her camera roll - going hungry all the time because her mom spends all of the money on drugs; being ripped away from her siblings and placed in foster care; her mom in and out of jail. But that doesn't mean that those images aren't in her head, or that they never happened.

So often we think we are the only ones with stories behind the family portraits, with the fake smiles and closeness because we only have the chance to see other families at their best while ours always seems at their worst.

Share a time where your family was "at its worst"

You may even think that the Bible is only filled with picture perfect people and moments, but the Bible isn't just cleaned up family pic moments - there's a lot of mess in it too! That's one of the reasons I believe it's true - the authors wrote what was actually happening, not just the photo ops.

One of the most famous stories in the Bible is David and Goliath. David was just a young shepherd boy, but when someone needed to face Goliath, the giant, he stepped up for the challenge. A definite scrapbook moment! *(Have a little fun with this - consider getting a pick sketch pad and have a leader on the night illustrating the story or draw it ahead of time).*

After that, David became the King of Israel and one of the most powerful people in the world! More scrapbook pages (anointing, inauguration, palace, battle victories, beautiful wife, etc.)!

But there was junk in David's life too! The Bible says that when the Prophet Samuel was looking for the next king, God led him to the Jesse's family. Jesse was David's dad. Samuel knew that the future king would be one of Jesse's eight sons [of which David was the youngest] so Samuel went to his house to interview them. Jesse had all of his sons ready and presented them each to Samuel. When Samuel was finished talking with the first seven, he didn't feel like any of them were who God was leading him to, so Samuel asked if there were anything others. Jesse said (1 Samuel 16:11): "There is still the youngest. But he's out in the fields watching the sheep and goats." Samuel replied, "Send for him at once. We will not sit down to eat until he arrives."

Once David arrives at the house, Samuel knew right away that this is who God had chosen as the next king - even though David's own father hadn't even bothered to bring him to Jesse - just assuming there was no way he could become king.

This probably isn't a moment David would want to put in his family scrapbook! But we all have messes in our lives, whether you're Simone Biles, Olympic Gold Medalist, King David - one of Israel's greatest kings or one of us. Sometimes those messes, the hurt, beyond our family photo isn't caused by us. Many times, we have to learn how to live with someone else's mistakes rubbing off on us. That's exactly what happened with King David, his dad, Jesse's mistake of underestimating someone young, rubbed off and cause pain for David.

Maybe you feel David and you suspect you aren't the "favorite" child. Beyond your photo could look like a divorce that didn't end well and your parents can't even be in the same place without fighting. Or, let's say a sibling could always get into trouble, there are drugs in your family, or there is abuse. You fill in the blank.

Many times, we try to cover up that pain and keep it a secret, so we don't actually have to talk about what is really going on. Even if we keep this mess a secret and try to keep it from the family scrapbook or our friends, God knows about it. He isn't afraid of the secrets we try to keep just to ourselves. He may be displeased, or He may be brokenhearted for the families we are growing up to be, but he still loves you very much. He is waiting for you to admit your mess and let him show you the love that He wishes our families would give us.

RESPONSE

If you want to talk about something going on with your family, talk to a leader after Club tonight. We will be available to talk and set up a time to meet with you over the next week! We want to listen, and we care about you beyond your family photo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SITE DIRECTOR - list any announcements here that you need to communicate to your group before Club concludes!

HEAD'S UP

NEXT WEEK | MORE TO YOUR STORY: BEYOND THE HIGHLIGHTS

In life, we normally just share the highlights. Life is way more real than just filtered, good moments and we want to help students be open and vulnerable.

2 WEEKS | MORE TO YOUR STORY: BEYOND SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media can be messy. We want students to know it's effects and begin to take steps to protect themselves from living a filtered life.

MORE TO YOUR STORY

Q2 MORE TO YOUR STORY - 02 BEYOND THE HIGHLIGHTS

PLAYLIST

<https://open.spotify.com/user/campuslife1965>

PURPOSE

The purpose of this club is to give students a chance to see that there is more to us than what we highlight or what people say about us.

NOTE TO SITE DIRECTOR

If any of your leaders won superlatives in high school, have them bring a high school picture and then, what the superlative was!

MINISTRY LEADER EMPOWERMENT

Meet with your leaders ahead of time and do some training on what good Building Times would look like! Challenge them to plan a Building Time with a student at Club tonight and some of their friends. It might even be helpful to pair your leaders together so that they feel less intimidated to plan something.

RMA CONNECTION

BUILDING TIMES

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PREP

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Projector for picture slideshow
- Leader's high school picture and if they on any superlative for the wrap up
- Blindfold
- Pictures of celebrities with quotes (enclosed in Curriculum folder)

WELCOME

Welcome back to More To YOUR Story! Here's a flashback to a game you might have played in first grade.

CROWDBREAKER

PICK A CORNER

DIRECTIONS:

Number the four corners of the room. A Ministry Leader starts in the middle and is blindfolded. When the music starts everyone goes to a corner of the room. When the music stops the middle person will call out a number between 1 and 4. Everyone in the corner called is out (take a seat in the center of the room). Repeat until one person is left. When four or less are left, they must pick different corners. The last person left gets to be the middle person for the next round. Play three rounds, or so, as time allows.

SMALL GROUP GAMES

[VIEW SMALL GROUP GAMES & ACTIVITIES IDEAS HERE](#)

If you are working with smaller groups, we recommend playing **3 TRUTHS & A LIE** and **HEAD CHARADES** for this Club. You can access supplies needed and gameplay instructions by utilizing the link above.

VIRTUAL GAMES

[VIEW VIRTUAL GAMES IDEAS HERE](#)

If you are working with students in a virtual setting, we recommend playing **FOLLOW THE LEADER** and **HEAD CHARADES** for this Club. You can access supplies needed and gameplay instructions by utilizing the link above.

TRANSITION

We spend a lot of time in high school posting and thinking back on our highlights. If you have a letter jacket, you wear your highlights on your sleeve. You post about your wins and victories on social media when you're proud of what you accomplished. We might even get a mention in the yearbook for our highlights and accomplishments!

It's easy to think that celebrities had similar highlights to us! They were probably popular, and everyone loved them. But, that wasn't always the case!

MEDIA

SLIDESHOW: CELEBRITIES WHO HAD A TERRIBLE TIME IN HIGH SCHOOL

(Pictures enclosed in Curriculum folder - Show Robin Williams last)

DISCUSSION

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Hi/Low/Buffalo - what was the best part of your week (Hi), the worst part (Low) and something random you can tell us (Buffalo)?
- 2) Did anything stand out to you from these quotes?
- 3) Our high school highlights seem so important when it's right in front of us! What do those highlights tell about you? What does it not tell about you? (*Think: Yearbook, letter jacket, awards won, etc*)
- 4) Many Senior classes give out "mock" awards or senior superlatives like: Most likely to be president; best smile; most likely to never leave town, etc. What mock award might you win? What mock award would you like to win?
- 5) What three words would people use to describe you?
- 6) What word do you wish they would use? Why?

WRAP UP

If any of your leaders won superlatives in high school, display their high school picture and then, what the superlative was! OR do some Facebook digging of old pictures of your leaders and give them fake awards similar to The Tonight Show Superlatives (Jimmy Fallon).

Robin Williams, known as one of the funniest actors and most talented voice-over actors won 63 awards for his works during his lifetime and starred in many classic movies, one of the most recognizable was his role as the Genie in the original Disney's Aladdin. But what was his Senior Award? *Least Likely to Succeed*. I bet his

classmates wish they could take that one back as they brag to their current friends about going to the same high school as the legend of Robin Williams! Luckily his classmates also voted Robin "Most humorous" so at least they got one thing right.

We go through high school trying to meet all of these expectations from other people or trying to escape judgment and punishment. Take Robin Williams for instance. Robin was severely bullied through elementary and middle school because of his weight. This led him to spend much of his time alone to avoid his bullies. He quickly learned to use comedy to sidetrack people from his weight. Later, he dabbled in drugs and alcohol, probably helping earn his award of least likely to succeed.

The amazing part is that through the bullying, drugs, alcohol and often being alone to avoid bullying and even the least likely to succeed award, Robin Williams' classmates were still able to see his talent for comedy. They had no idea he would go on to be known as one of the funniest people in history, but they saw that talent in him. They saw the talent that held so much potential for him if only he were to harness it.

That's exactly the same way God sees you and me. We talked last week about God seeing our messy families and wanting to love us anyway. God also knows every part of who we are - including the things that could hold us back - but He can't help but see the potential for who He created us to be.

The very first book of the Bible, Genesis, tells us how everything was created. After God created each new thing, God would say "It is good". But in Genesis 1:31, right after God created humans, it says, "Then God looked over all he had made, and he said it was VERY good." He added VERY this time. God saw our potential as VERY good.

We may have our flaws - some that others see and point out at every chance they get and others that are known only to us. But remember that God doesn't only see who we are in this moment, God sees our POTENTIAL and sees it as VERY Good. Robin Williams didn't let the label *Least Likely to Succeed* stop him from rising to stardom. Let what God says and sees count more than the opinions of others. God likes what he sees!

RESPONSE

If we let our highlights define us, what happens when don't get the highlight we want, or we get highlighted for something we don't want, like when Robin Williams was voted Least Likely to Succeed. It is easy to let those things take away from who we are meant to become!

So, if you're struggling to see yourself how God sees you as "very good," practice some gratitude! Make a list of things you like about yourself, skills you appreciate that you have, and talents you are thankful you have! When we are thankful for who we are, it's easy to see us how God sees us more and more! So, tonight, make a list of things you like about YOU! Let's get beyond the highlights and get to who you ARE!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SITE DIRECTOR - list any announcements here that you need to communicate to your group before Club concludes!

HEAD'S UP

NEXT WEEK | MORE TO YOUR STORY: BEYOND SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media can be messy. We want students to know it's effects and begin to take steps to protect themselves from living a filtered life.

2 WEEKS | MORE TO YOUR STORY: BEYOND YOUR POV

This is the last week of the More To Your Story series. We want to help guide students in looking past their own Point Of View and see things from others' perspectives.

MORE TO YOUR STORY

Q2 MORE TO YOUR STORY - 03 BEYOND SOCIAL MEDIA

PLAYLIST

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PURPOSE

For students to understand the impact social media has on us and to respond positively to investing in themselves by pledging to be away from their screens more often.

NOTE TO SITE DIRECTOR

We are referencing the Netflix documentary called *The Social Dilemma* this week. So, we recommend that in the very least you watch it and encourage your Ministry Leaders to do the same.

MINISTRY LEADER EMPOWERMENT

This week make sure yourself and your leaders are also ready to take up the challenge in the Response and are ready to discuss how the challenge went next week!

RMA CONNECTION

BUILDING TIME

We are referencing the Netflix documentary called *The Social Dilemma* this week. So, we recommend hosting a viewing party of this documentary with students sometime this week.

PREP

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Projector & Sound System for Media

WELCOME

Welcome back to More To YOUR Story - Part 3! If you haven't been here, we started the series by Looking Beyond the Family Pic and admitted that all of our lives are more than just perfect smile snapshots - **there is junk in our lives**. Last week we added Living Beyond the Highlights. In high school we get all caught up in who likes us, how we are fitting in and what we get recognized for. But there is so much more to life beyond high school and it was nice to learn that God doesn't see us for what we've done, he sees us for what we can become - **He sees our potential!** Tonight, we add, drum-roll please...Getting Beyond Social Media! Social Media can be crazy! (*Insert a couple of examples from your social media experience*). Bottom line, I think Social Media proves we are desperate to be connected, and desperate to be noticed. So tonight, right here at Campus Life you will get connected and you will be noticed

CROWDBREAKER

KNOTS – GET CONNECTED!

DIRECTIONS:

Divide into groups of 10-12. Each group make a circle. Everyone grabs a hand of two different people across the circle (not next to you). When the music starts, begin untwisting until you have formed a circle. You may not let go of hands at any time! This is not always possible - but it is fun trying!

SMALL GROUP GAMES

[VIEW SMALL GROUP GAMES & ACTIVITIES IDEAS HERE](#)

If you are working with smaller groups, we recommend playing **DIE MASTERS** and **WHAT DO YOU MEME?** for this Club. You can access supplies needed and gameplay instructions by utilizing the link above.

VIRTUAL GAMES

[VIEW VIRTUAL GAMES IDEAS HERE](#)

If you are working with students in a virtual setting, we recommend playing **WHAT DO YOU MEME?** and **WHO DIS?** for this Club. You can access supplies needed and gameplay instructions by utilizing the link above.

TRANSITION

Clout is a word that means influence and power on social media. Over the years, there is a new job description called "Influencer." Across all platforms there are influencers with millions of followers, views, and who have influenced our culture in huge ways. Maybe you even dream of being an influencer yourself!

One of the fastest growing social media platforms in recent years is TikTok. Charli Demilio is the most followed account with over 112 million followers. Even though she has extreme success on social media, there are times where she has considered deleting the app because of how difficult the criticism and bullying has been. She's struggled with panic attacks as well "She said sometimes the panic attacks get so bad she will "cry for three days straight" and it feels like she's "not even Charli anymore."

It's easy to think about the positives of social media! It's fun, it keeps us connected, it's entertaining and informative. But, even for the top influencers on social media, it has a dark side and effects all of us.

MEDIA

Q2 MORE TO YOUR STORY - 03 SOCIAL DILEMMA TRAILER

DISCUSSION

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) What stood out to you in these clips?
- 2) Social media is the cause of a lot of my own insecurities, anxiety, and mental health issues. Do you agree or disagree with that statement for yourself? Why or why not?
- 3) If you agree that social media causes us so much harm, why are we still using it all the time?
 - a. *Leader - You might even want them to check their average screen time on their phones and compare numbers, if you want something fun to discuss. You can have them guess their hours then see what it really is*
- 4) What are some healthy habits and practices that you or others you know have implemented to have better boundaries? If you don't know of any, brainstorm some ideas.
- 5) If we are only looking at our lives and the lives of others through the lens of social media, what are we missing? Can you really know someone over social media?

WRAP UP

Have you or a leader share about a time they were influenced by something on social media in a negative way. It could be how you viewed yourself, how you viewed someone else, or believing something that wasn't true.

Social media is a powerful tool that can be used to connect people, to reunite family members, reach out for help, and to stay in touch with people around the globe. But, as you know, there certainly have been unintended consequences of that constant connection. The inventor of the “Like” button of Facebook said that he made it in order to spread love and positivity. He had no idea that it would turn into a way for people to compare likes and assign value to themselves. In fact, people who helped develop social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, & Pinterest all said they would not let their kids have social media until they were teens because of the effect they’ve seen it have on our mental health. It’s so easy to twist something that was meant for good to be used for something that causes destruction!

Now, I’m not going to stand up here and tell all of you to delete your social media. But I will challenge you to look beyond social media. When you only see other through this perfectly filtered view, it is easy to never feel like you measure up. Even if people are posting unflattering pictures or videos of themselves, it is still people posting a perfectly crafted image of what they want others to see. Looking at others through only the lens of social media & then comparing it to ourselves, it’s an impossible standard. We have to move beyond social media and see that our worth is more than a like, a comment, or how many views we get.

In the Bible, Jesus talks a lot about our value being more than what others see on the surface. Now, there certainly wasn’t social media back then, but there was definitely a struggle with comparison and giving someone value for what they did instead of how God saw them. Jesus said through the story of a man named Zacchaeus.

Summarize the story of Zacchaeus in your own words [Luke 19:1-10]

I love this story because Jesus looked beyond what others’ thought about Zacchaeus. Jesus notices Zacchaeus even when no one else liked what he was doing. Not only that, but Jesus challenged Zacchaeus to move beyond quietly observing Jesus walking down the street, trying to see if he would do a miracle or something, and wanted to spend time with him. Because of that, Zacchaeus got to spend time with Jesus, share a meal with him, and hear all the wisdom he poured out. He was so excited to spend that time with Jesus, and, I think Jesus was excited to spend with Zacchaeus, too. Because both of them moved beyond the surface, Zacchaeus’ life was changed! He walked away knowing his value was beyond anything he could ever imagine because he began to see himself un-filtered, through God’s eyes!

Jesus would say to you:

I see your junk.

I see your potential.

I love you very much and I want to be your friend.

Could you imagine if we started believing that? What if we started seeing ourselves through Jesus’ unfiltered lenses? These are some of the things Jesus calls all of us who choose to follow Him (no matter what we’ve

done): His Child, His friend, set free, not condemned, his heir, accepted, a saint, a new creation and more! *(for the scripture references, click here: <https://bible.org/article/who-does-god-say-i-am>)* Jesus sees us, unfiltered, exactly as we are, and say all of that.

Social media connects us, but it also filters how we see others. And, even more, it filters how we see ourselves. What if we moved beyond social media to see ourselves in a different way? Zacchaeus say himself in a different way when he spent time with Jesus. What would change if we began to spend more time with Jesus and asked him to let us see ourselves how he sees us?

RESPONSE

This week, we are going to challenge you like The Social Dilemma challenges everyone. Take the 7 day pledge:

- **Create a scroll-free space in my life:** I won't use my mobile device 30 minutes before bed or 30 minutes after waking up.
- **Reclaim my screen time for connection:** I will turn off unnecessary notifications or disable them on apps that use surveillance-based algorithms to decide what information I see.

Instead, fill that time that you were using on social media to look beyond what you know about a friend, yourself, and Jesus. Put your phone in a different room for 1 conversation this week. If you want to know more about how to learn about Jesus & how he sees you, talk to a leader.

Who is ready to take the pledge this week and move beyond our social media?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SITE DIRECTOR - list any announcements here that you need to communicate to your group before Club concludes!

*announce the time you will be showing the Social Dilemma to watch as a group.

HEAD'S UP

NEXT WEEK | MORE TO YOUR STORY: BEYOND YOUR POV

This is the last week of the More To Your Story series. We want to help guide students in looking past their own Point Of View and see things from others' perspectives.

2 WEEKS | THANKSGIVING DINNER

Take a break from the normal flow of Club and have your Ministry Leaders and students bring all the fixings to have a fun-filled Campus Life Family Feast!

MORE TO YOUR STORY

Q2 MORE TO YOUR STORY - 04 BEYOND YOUR POV

PLAYLIST

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PURPOSE

We want to help students move beyond their Point Of View (POV) and get beneath the surface of ourselves and of God.

NOTE TO SITE DIRECTOR

This would be a good time to start a small group using the [Campus Life Small Group Curriculum](#) "The Story Of You"

MINISTRY LEADER EMPOWERMENT

Give your leaders a list of questions to ask students if they're on an appointment. Sometimes it's hard to get things started if this is a leader's first one-on-one. Also, make sure that leader has seen the student's response card from today and are able to follow up with them in conversation about it as well.

RMA CONNECTION

APPOINTMENTS

This week is all about follow up - especially for anyone who indicated a decision. In announcements say that a leader may message them and see if they want to get together and ask any questions they have. They can be one-on-one, or even a group of two or three students who know each other so that the first follow-up is even less threatening. Relationships built outside of the weekly Club meeting forms the glue that keeps Club together and deepens ACSRs with lost kids.

PREP

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Projector & Sound System for Media
- Silly String or a can of whipped cream.
- Large squirt gun or a glass of water (and pitcher to refill it).
- 3 - \$1 bills (or \$20 if you can afford it!)
- Pens
- Response Cards (attached)
- Three cards with the basic intro line "My name is (their own name), I am your friend - I have the money - you can trust me" on it, as well as one of the words "water," "silly string," or "money."

WELCOME

This is our final week of our "More To Your Story" series! Point of View (POV) videos are extremely relatable and popular on various social media apps like YouTube and TikTok. Tonight, we want to challenge you to move beyond that surface POV and see what's really going on! But, before we do that, let's see who's POV we really trust...

CROWDBREAKER

TRUST ME

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

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- Large squirt gun or a glass of water (and pitcher to refill it)
- Three \$1 bills (or \$20 if you can afford it!)
- Three cards with the basic intro line "My name is (their own name), I am your friend - I have the money - you can trust me" on it, as well as one of the words "water," "silly string," or "money."

DIRECTIONS:

Pre-arrange for 3 students to be a "Trust Me" friend. Their role is to convince each contestant to trust them, and not the other 2 "friends." Select 3 contestants and send two out of the room. Have the first contestant sit in a chair facing the three "friends" - have them face each other with no one's back to the crowd. Tell the contestant that each "friend" has something to give them - it will either be a cash prize or a consequence. It will be up to the contestant to decide which "friend" to trust. All three "friends" draw a card and then introduce themselves saying:

"My name is (their own name), I am your friend - I have the money - you can trust me."

Allow them to repeat the line for effect. The contestant must close his/her eyes, hold left hand behind their back and right hand out open, and say "I choose _____" (name of friend)

The "friend" they choose then gives the contestant the "prize" written on their card. For each round have "friends" shuffle the cards so the audience doesn't know who has what or bring up a new set of 4 – even consider doing a leader round! Have a staff person guarding the squirt gun and silly string just in case kids get creative.

SMALL GROUP GAMES

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If you are working with smaller groups, we recommend playing **WHISPER CHALLENGE** and **LEADING THE BLIND** for this Club. You can access supplies needed and gameplay instructions by utilizing the link above.

VIRTUAL GAMES

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If you are working with students in a virtual setting, we recommend playing **WHERE AM I?** and **JACKBOX GAME: QUIPLISH** for this Club. You can access supplies needed and gameplay instructions by utilizing the link above.

TRANSITION

Tonight, we're moving beyond our POV. That means we're moving beyond the things we can see about each other and getting beneath the surface! One of the most popular Broadway Musicals and movies on Disney+ is Hamilton. If you've never seen it, I'm sure you've heard of it! We're going to watch the moment in the musical where Hamilton's son is shot after a duel that Alexander Hamilton encouraged him to participate in. In addition to that, he recently confessed to the country that he was cheating on his wife, Eliza. Eliza has every reason to not forgive Alexander, and Alexander has every reason to avoid this hard situation because he knows he messes up. But he moves beyond the surface and shares how he feels and asks for forgiveness. Let's check out what happens....

MEDIA

DISNEY+ HAMILTON MOVIE

Beginning: 02:07:10 End: 02:14:27

*For smaller groups, watch this on a laptop or TV. If you have a larger group and cannot project this scene due to Disney's projection rules, then have small groups watch together on phones or computers after they split up. Make sure enough leaders or students have log ins. If you still can't get it to work the Wrap Up does not hinge on this Media.

DISCUSSION

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Hi/Low/Buffalo - what was the best part of your week (Hi), the worst part (Low) and something random you can tell us (Buffalo)?
- 2) What stuck out to you in this scene?
- 3) Would it be hard for you to trust someone after they hurt you like Alexander hurt Eliza in the clip?
- 4) Do you have a hard time trusting people? Why or why not?
- 5) Whom do you completely trust? Why them?
- 6) What happens when you trust someone? *(i.e. Share more of my story with them, tell them things you wouldn't share with anyone else, let them see parts of you that might be messier, etc.)*

WRAP UP

Share a time where you trusted someone and shared "more than the POV" of your life with them.

As we wrap-up this four-week series, think back over where we have been.

We looked beyond the Family Pic - admitting there is more to our lives than sitting behind birthday cakes and smiling. There is more to your story than just the highpoints. **There is junk in our lives.** God sees it and he loves us anyway.

We lived beyond the Highlights. There is life beyond high school and the decisions you make now influence who you are becoming. Even though we feel trapped by our past mistakes, **God sees our potential.**

Last week we tried to get Beyond Social Media - and that is tough for some of you! But we concluded that Jesus writes on your wall:

I see your junk.

I see your potential.

I love you very much and I want to be your friend

These three things are PART of God's Point of View (POV) of us, but there is so much more...

Tonight, we are looking beyond the surface POV, and asking if there is a little more to the story. When you share your story with someone you trust, it changes things. It helps us feel more loved, accepted, and that we belong when we are able to open up and go beneath the surface of what others may see!

God wants to do the same thing with YOU. He wants to go beyond the surface and really understand his story. There is more than just the verses posted on a cool graphic. There is so much more to God's story that you know! We find the full story in the book called the Bible. We read from it every week at Campus Life because we really believe it's a beautiful story that gives us great wisdom to live out our complicated lives!

The Bible lays out the greatest display of God's love for us – let me break it down with 5 R words:

Leader - share the response to the Gospel message through the 5 R's of 3Story:

1 - RELATIONSHIP: God loves you and created you to have a relationship with him.

Psalm 139:13-14

2 - RESIST: We naturally resist a relationship with God when we sin.

The Bible says our attitude of ignoring or resisting God is sin. And it is sin which separates us from God. James 4:17 / Romans 3:23 / Isaiah 59:2

3 - RESTORE: Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose from the dead to restore our relationship with God.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me (John 14:6). 1 Peter 3:18 (Jesus paid the penalty for our sin).

4 - RESPOND: We can choose to begin a relationship with God.

God forgives our sin when we choose to follow Jesus.

Acts 3:19 / Ephesians 2:8-9

5 - REMAIN: When we begin a relationship, we can choose to REMAIN in Him forever!

That about sums it up! God wants a RELATIONSHIP with us. We RESIST him and break the relationship. Jesus came to RESTORE the relationship. We can choose to RESPOND by asking God to forgive our sins and committing ourselves to REMAIN in a relationship with God.

You are in one of four places tonight:

1. You **aren't ready** to make a decision about this tonight (but I'm glad you were here to think about it, and staff would love to talk to you further about this or answer questions that you have). If this is new to you it is a lot to think about!
2. You **already** have a relationship with Jesus, and you are trying to live for him! You still have junk to deal with, but you are doing your best to follow Jesus.
3. You started a relationship with God, but still do your own thing more often than not. You might say **you'd like to recommit** yourself to really follow Jesus tonight.
4. You have **never started a relationship** with God but would like to. You can do that tonight.

As we end tonight, I want to give you a chance to RESPOND with prayer. Prayer is simply talking to God and telling him we want to respond to him. We typically bow our heads and close our eyes, so we can focus and don't get distracted. So, let's all try that right now so those who want to RESPOND can do that.

First, **if you've never started a relationship** with God, and want to right now, simply pray silently, between you and God, after me. You could pray something like:

"God, thank you for loving me just as I am. I admit that I have ignored you. Please forgive my sins. Jesus please come into my life and help me become the person you created me to be. Thank you for your love. Amen"

Now for those who know they once made that commitment, but you **want to recommit** yourself to really following Jesus, you could pray something like:

"God, thank you for loving me just as I am. I admit I have ignored you and done what I've wanted instead of what you want me to do. Please forgive me and RESTORE me to a growing relationship with you. Help me become the person you created me to be. Thank you for your love. Amen."

RESPONSE

Thanks for hanging in there tonight everyone. Before we split, we'd love to know where you are at. Please take just a couple more minutes to fill out a comment card tonight (attached). Feel free to write us a note and use the back if you need more space.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SITE DIRECTOR - list any announcements here that you need to communicate to your group before Club concludes!

HEAD'S UP

NEXT WEEK | THANKSGIVING DINNER

Take a break from the normal flow of Club and have your Ministry Leaders and students bring all the fixings to have a fun-filled Campus Life Family Feast!

2 WEEKS | BEYOND YOUR STORY

We'll begin this new series and it will take us to Christmas break!



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- ☐ Tonight I recommitted my life to follow Jesus.
- ☐ I already have a relationship with Jesus.
- ☐ I am not ready to make a decision now.

Comments/Questions (use back)

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