

FOCUS

Q3 FOCUS - 01 ME FOCUSED

PLAYLIST

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

PURPOSE

This is the first week of the Focus series. Our hope for this series is for students to grow in how they view others as more important than themselves. For this Club, we want students to discern just how much they prioritize themselves over others.

NOTE TO SITE DIRECTOR

For this Club series we would say that the Media is pretty important. If you don't normally show media, plan to bring in a projector or TV for this series. If it's just not possible, plan to creatively retell the videos to your students.

MINISTRY LEADER EMPOWERMENT

As we launch into a New Year, set up appointments with each of your Ministry Leaders throughout this series. Take time to love them, care for them, listen to them and just be a friend.

RMA CONNECTION

SMALL GROUPS

If you don't have any small groups up and running to kick off the new year, now is the time to get to work! Check in with any leaders interested in working alongside you and go after a few students and encourage them to invite friends. We have lots of great small group curriculum options on the [National YFC website](#).

PREP

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Sound System & Projection for Media
- Prizes for winners of the Best Game

WELCOME

Welcome back to Campus Life Club! This week is going to be awesome...in fact, this year is just going to be flat out BETTER! Speaking of better...I have a list of things and I want to see if you are better at than anyone else, so I'm going to need some volunteers to come up front.

CROWDBREAKER

THE BEST GAME

DIRECTIONS: Bring a few students to the front of the room and choose something from the list below (or make up your own) that they must perform in front of the group. Have a couple leaders off to the side and they will judge which student performed better. Give all students who try an applause and you can give the "better" student a prize. Students can only participate once in the game so that everyone gets a chance.

"Better" Ideas: better whistler, better break dancer, better Cookie Monster impression, better belch, better at walking on hands, better impression of their Campus Life Director (or small group leader), etc.

[VIEW OTHER SOCIALLY DISTANT GROUP GAME IDEAS HERE](#)

SMALL GROUP GAMES

[VIEW SMALL GROUP GAME & ACTIVITY IDEAS HERE](#)

If you are working with smaller groups, we recommend playing **DEFYING GRAVITY** and **DOLLAR JUMP** for this Club. You can access supplies needed and gameplay instructions by utilizing the link above.

VIRTUAL GAMES

[VIEW VIRTUAL GAME IDEAS HERE](#)

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

TRANSITION

Alright, alright, alright - if there's anything I love better than a great game, it's a great movie. And today we are watching the opening scene of one of the greatest animated movies ever made (in my opinion). So, sit back, relax and enjoy this motion picture.

MEDIA

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DISCUSSION

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Who has seen that movie? How would you rank it among other Pixar movies?
- 2) What are some things you noticed about Lightning McQueen in this clip?
- 3) He definitely wasn't the nicest to the people who worked for him, how would you feel being one of his pit crew? Can you think of a time you were treated like you weren't that important?
- 4) Have *you* ever treated somebody like *they* weren't that important?
- 5) Let's brainstorm together - what are some ways in your life you make yourself more important than others around you (think about life at home and at school)
 - a. Examples: talking back to parents, whispering to friend while teacher is teaching, being disruptive in class, making a mess at lunch and not cleaning up, trying to top your friends' stories with one of your own, not picking up your room or doing your chores diligently

WRAP UP

Have a leader tell a story of a time in their life when they were really "Me Focused" and how they may have hurt someone through it. This will be a 3-part story throughout this series, so make sure they don't jump too far ahead and look ahead at future Clubs to know how the story will continue and conclude.

For those of you who might be newer to Campus Life, we leaders all have one major thing in common - we love Jesus. And we love making Campus Life a safe place to talk about him, ask questions and figure life out together. One of the places that helps me answer questions is the Bible. And the Bible tells a story about a man who maybe looked a lot like Lightning McQueen. I mean...he wasn't shiny and red. And he wasn't a car. But he acted like Lightning!

His name was Zacchaeus. We don't know a whole lot about him, but he was a tax collector. Basically, he loved to increase the people's taxes and take their money away. He was well known across his hometown as a thief

who would charge people extra taxes. And when he had to give the government the money, he would give them the amount they knew was coming and he would keep the extra that he stole from people. Not exactly someone you would want to be around, right?

Lightning and Zacchaeus have this in common - they were not liked by a lot of people because they were both Me Focused. That means they put themselves before other people and could not care less about what others thought of them. Now, you really shouldn't care what people think of you (like how people might judge your outward appearance). But when it comes to your character - who you are as a person - we should all be striving to not be focused on ourselves and lift ourselves up above others.

There's a phrase in the Bible that says, "the first will be last and the last will be first" (Matthew 20:16). That can sound kind of confusing, but what it is simply saying is that if you think of yourself than better than others, you really aren't that great at all. Jesus taught this to his followers, and he didn't just use words - he proved it through his actions. There was one time where he even washed the feet of his closest friends (*you can choose to retell the washing of the disciples' feet from John 13 in your own words if you have time here*). So, if you are humble and put yourself after others, that is truly being BETTER.

RESPONSE

We'll spend more time next week looking at both Lightning & Zacchaeus' stories, so make sure to get back to Club and invite some new friends to come along too!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HEAD'S UP

NEXT WEEK | FOCUSED: THE CHANGE

Was there ever a time in your life when you were focused on yourself, but something happened and caused a change? Come ready to share that experience with the students.

2 WEEKS | FOCUSED: OTHERS FOCUSED

How do you regularly practice putting others ahead of yourself? Come ready to share your tips and tidbits with the students as we all work to lower ourselves.