

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

LONG STORY SHORT

WEEK 3

Bottom Line: When we follow Jesus, our actions reflect his.

Scripture: // 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

SERIES OVERVIEW:

The Bible can be somewhat overwhelming for middle school students. How do I read it? How do I understand it? What do I do with what I read? These are all questions we will address as we try to make this long story short.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. What instructions do your parents give that you don't like? That you do like?
2. Do you feel like the bible is full of instruction and rules?

WHAT GOD SAYS

1. When we read the letters in the New Testament, we can ask two questions:
 - a. What action word stands out to you?
 - b. How can I put what I read into action?
2. Pull out your Bibles (physical or digital). Help students find 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, and read it out loud. Remember, you may have students who have never opened a Bible and who aren't comfortable reading out loud. Pay close attention and help where needed.
 - a. What action word stands out to you? Why do you think it stood out?
 - b. How can you put into action what you read?

WHAT WE CAN DO

1. What can you do this week according to 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18?
2. Of the list in 1 Thessalonians, which action is hardest to do?
3. Which is the easiest?
4. Why should we act this way?
5. Which one on this list are you going to do this week?

COMING UP...

Holly Jolly Gobble Squabble: November 29th

Amp'd Up Christmas: December 20th

No Amp'd: December 27th

Amp'd Up New Year: January 3rd

