SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

SPACE

WEEK 3

Bottom Line: Suspicion is easy; trust is hard. Choose to trust.

Scripture: // 1 Corinthians 13:7

SERIES OVERVIEW: Middle school students naturally desire more freedom and space. So why do some seem to gain their freedom with less stress and fewer regrets? In this series, we will help students discover the ticket to more freedom is honor. While this quest for independence might be stressful for parents and students, we must remind our students that honoring authority is the best way to gain more space.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. In what area of life do you most often disagree with your parents? (School, social media/phone/video games, chores at home, etc.)
2. Are you trying to gain more independence in that area? How do you feel when your parents tell you no?
3. Do you think most middle schoolers believe parents have their best interests in mind?

WHAT GOD SAYS

1. Have a student read the Scripture. In your own words, define “perseveres.”
2. Do most middle schoolers have a hard time admitting that they love their parents? Why do you think that is?
3. Protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres—which of these aspects of love do your parents seem to focus on with you? Which do you show them the most?

WHAT WE CAN DO

1. Which would create more harmony with your parents: always trusting or always doubting them? Which would create more freedom and independence for you?
2. How would your life be different if you always assumed that your mom, dad, stepmom, stepdad, grandparents, or foster parents had your best interests in mind when they said no?
3. Can you think of a recent time when it was really hard to trust that your parents had your best interests in mind? How would you handle that situation differently if you could go back in time?

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

