

TRANSIT

NO PLACE BETTER | PART 1

SERIES OVERVIEW

Hundreds of middle school students join their Transit small groups every Sunday. These groups go to camp and fun outings together and probably message each other throughout the week. For the next couple of Sundays, we will remind our students that there are thousands of middle schoolers in their spheres of influence who do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. We are going to ask our students to think about those who are not in the room... yet. We're also going to ask them to think about how their group can help someone discover a faith of their own in our series No Place Better.

BOTTOM LINE

People will notice the hope you have.

SCRIPTURE

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. (1 Peter 3:15, NIV)

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Small Group Leaders, use the questions below to guide your conversation.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Have you ever been influenced by someone or something? (Responses will likely be centered around how a YouTube or social media influencer influenced you.)
- What do you hope is the first thing people notice about you?
- If someone were to ask you about your faith, how would they likely ask it? (Why do you go to church? What is Transit? Do you believe that stuff?)

WHAT GOD SAYS

- Read 1 Peter 3:15. What is the difference in "Always be prepared to explain everything in the Bible" and "Be prepared to give a reason for the hope that you have"?
- Do you think a Christian has more hope than the average person? Why would people who have a relationship with God have hope?

WHAT WE CAN DO

- What are some other words that mean "hope" (e.g., believe, trust, rely, look forward to, count on, confidence)?
- Why do you have hope?
- If you could wave a magic wand and give your friend your relationship with God, do you think your relationship with him is worth duplicating? What could make it better?

LEADERS: Double Dog Dare is just a few weeks away. Ask your group: Who could you invite to spend the night and come check out church with you?