



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Take A Bow / Week 1

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE

Don't leave your space blank.

SCRIPTURE

James 4:10a NIV

Proverbs 22:4 NLT

James 4:8 NKJV

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To encourage students to recognize the ways in which pride may be showing up in their lives and to point them toward the value in choosing humility by drawing near to the God who made them.

THINK ABOUT THIS

This week's message includes the introduction of *anavah*, the Hebrew word that translates to "humility." It essentially encourages students to "occupy your God-given space in the world." As this comes up in your Small Group, be sensitive to the fact that this may be easier for some to take hold of than others. Depending on things like race, socio-economic status, gender, and culture, it might be naturally easier for some students to see and step into their God-given space than others. Be sure not to make this sound equal across the board because, in our world, it's unfortunately not. However, just because the world may not see or value someone's ability to step into their space doesn't mean that God doesn't! In fact, that's the biggest takeaway you can give to your students this week: No matter how this plays out in their world or context, they can be confident that God has given them a space to occupy and the humility and confidence to do it.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the content as needed, and don't feel like you need to complete everything listed.

DURING GROUP

JUST FOR FUN

What's one thing you're super competitive about?

DISCUSS THIS

1. In your own words, how would you define "pride"?
2. How can pride impact the way you see yourself in comparison to others?
3. In what areas do you think most high schoolers feel the pressure to perform or prove themselves?
4. In your own words, how would you define "humility"?
5. How do you think choosing humility might help you grow in faith?
6. In what ways do you think proximity to God can help you choose to occupy your space in the world with more humility?
7. Of the things we talked about today, which do you want to commit to trying this week:
 - a. Spending time with God?
 - b. Talking to God?
 - c. Surrounding yourself with people who point you to God?

TRY THIS

Take time to text your students individually this week. Encourage them by sharing specific ways you see them shining in both confidence and humility. You can help make an abstract idea more concrete and personal to them by calling out where you see them letting God work these things out in their lives.