CATALYST 7-8

Have fun. Connect. Learn together.



"God loves you and wants the best for you. He's in your corner. He wants you to be the best version of you, the version he created you to be and sent his Son to die for. God's not mad at you for sinning, he's mad at what sinning does to you and the people that you love."

LEADER PRO TIPS

- Establish group norms so students know what to expect during this time
 - why do students come to group?
 - o what makes a good group conversation?
 - what do students want to get out of group?
- Have 5 students choose a question to lead during discussion. As a leader, your role is to provide follow up questions to keep the conversation on track.
- Read Romans 12:1-2 before leading group this week. Consider what it's like for students growing up in this screen-first world and lead group conversation with that in mind.
- Connection: there will likely be new students here for the first time following OBN last night. Take time to engage with them before diving into questions.

Group Attendance

Login on your phone: my.tpcc.org

- username: initial of first name, last name (ex:awilson)
- password: same as it has been for any event with TPCC

Scroll down to Groups:

- select your student group
- scroll down to see your roster

Take attendance:

- click on attendance tab
- scroll all the way over to the right and select plus sign
- choose the attendance date + all students present

To add a new student:

- go back to your roster tab
- scroll to the bottom and select "add group member"

ICE BREAKER

What is your favorite app or video game? Why? Take a poll and to see what the group favorite is.

TALK ABOUT IT

First, make sure each student has a guide. There are 5 questions in the discussion today. Empower students to lead the discussion by deciding who will read each question before you dive in. Allow time for other students to respond to each other. Follow-up questions for leaders are in parenthesis.

Read **Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)**. Why is it important to live a life of worship? How does this passage challenge you to do that?

Technology can be used for good, but when it becomes of god (idol), it turns into sin. How do you know when you become too dependent on technology?

What does it look like to give God glory in all areas of our life? What about technology specifically?

Which one of Aaron's suggestions will you try this week to power down? ("do not disturb", set app limits, remove screens from your room, decrease screen time)

Read **Romans 1:20-21** for your group."What happened was this: People knew God perfectly well, but when they didn't treat him like God, refusing to worship him, they trivialized themselves into silliness and confusion so that there was neither sense nor direction left in their lives. They pretended to know it all, but were illiterate regarding life. They traded the glory of God who holds the whole world in his hands for cheap figurines you can buy at any roadside stand."

CHALLENGE

Ask students to think about what their main takeaway is from this discussion and how they can apply it this week.

Consider memorizing Romans 12:1-2 as a group.

PRAY ABOUT IT

Not used to praying out loud? That's okay!

God hears our imperfect prayers and knows exactly what we need.

Take prayer requests and pray for each other.