



LEADER GUIDE

DON'T BE DIFFERENT ALONE

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THE GREAT ADVENTURE: PASSION

THE POINT

Pray for the passion to push past problems.

LEADER NOTES

We all have highs and lows in our faith—moments we're on fire for God and moments we're going through the motions. This week, we're talking about how to stay passionate about following Jesus. Encourage your group to find healthy habits to fuel their faith and their passion.

GROUP CHALLENGE

Pray for passion every day this week.

YOUVERSION BIBLE PLAN

The Great Adventure

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:15-16 NLT

Ever since I heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly ...

Psalms 51:12 NIV

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Revelation 2:4-5 NLT

"But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first! Look how far you have fallen! ..."

SWITCH GROUP QUESTIONS

CHOOSE THE BEST ONES FOR YOUR GROUP

GET GOING: ICEBREAKERS/ACTIVITIES/HANG OUT TIME

- Talk about highs and lows from the past week.
- What's something you used to be passionate about but aren't anymore?
- What's something you're passionate about now?
- What stood out to you most in this week's message?

GET TALKING: DISCUSSION/CONVERSATION

- We talked about how passion can help us push past problems. Why do you think that is?
- What does being passionate about something mean, and why is it so important?
- Do you feel passionate about knowing God? Why or why not?
- Why do you think it can be tough to stay passionate about God?
- What are some things that keep you from being passionate about God?
- Have you ever felt like you were just going through the motions of being a Christian instead of wanting to get to know Jesus? What's the difference?
- Talk about a time you felt far from God. Why do you think you felt that way? What did you do about it?

GET SPIRITUAL: BIBLE EXPLORATION AND APPLICATION

- Read **Ephesians 1:15-16 NLT** together. *(Printed on this guide)*
 - What is this verse telling us to do?
 - How often are your prayers about other people? Why is it important to pray for others?
- Read **Psalms 51:12 NIV** together. *(Printed on this guide)*
 - What does this verse mean to you?
- Read **Revelation 2:4-5 NLT** together. *(Printed on this guide)*
 - What are some things that you did when you first accepted God that you haven't done in a while? What can you do to start doing those things again?

GET PRACTICAL: ACTION STEPS

- What's one way you can start to reignite your passion for following Jesus?
- How can we help each other maintain an excitement for following God?
- Passion can also be key to unlocking our purpose. What are you passionate about that you feel like God is calling you to do? What can you do to stay passionate about it?
- This week, let's commit to pray for passion every day. Send an emoji in the group text once you've done it.

GET PRAYING

- Pray specifically for students to develop passion in their relationships with God.
- Pray that your group would help each other become more passionate about their purpose and about God.
- Pray for anything else students might need prayer for.
- Either have a leader pray, a student pray, or break into smaller groups of twos and threes so students can pray with each other.