



Loop



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Week 4: *Scratching the Surface*
Maturity

The Point

Jesus is working on you, in you, and through you.

The Verse

Philippians 1:6 NLT

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Order of Experience

Countdown/Hang Out
Icebreaker in Small Groups
Emcee Welcome
Worship
Emcee Transition to Message
Message/Salvation
Offering
Announcements
Activity/Small Group
Small Group Discussion
Check Out

Small Group Discussion

YouVersion Bible Plan

Make sure students check out the Bible Plan associated with this week:

How to Grow Up

Icebreaker Question

Would you rather have to drink a Slim Jim smoothie or wear an itchy, scratchy sweater lined with hay for a whole day? Why?

Choose questions for your small group.

1. What was your favorite part of today's message? What's one thing that stuck out to you?
2. Is your faith a forgery of your parents' faith? What makes you say that?
3. What does it mean to own your own faith? (*Having a faith that you believe in and take action on for yourself—not just because your parents make you*)
4. How real is your faith? Would you say it's important to you, or is it something you don't think about often?
5. What is spiritual maturity, and how do you get more spiritually mature? (*Help students know spiritual maturity isn't knowing a ton about God but taking steps to get to know Him more. We get spiritually mature by developing spiritual habits like reading the Bible, praying, coming to church, etc.*)
6. Read **Philippians 1:6 NLT** (*printed on the front of this guide*). What does this verse tell us about maturity? (*It's an ongoing process. We'll never arrive, but we learn more all the time.*)
7. What's one thing you'll do to be more mature? What's one thing you'll do to be more spiritually mature?
8. Take prayer requests, and pray for your students.

Leader Notes/Announcements

*Promote **Swerve** to your 6th grade students.

*Invite your 6th grade students to **Switch** on Wednesday nights.

*Encourage students to read the YouVersion Bible Plan: **How to Grow Up**. It's with the Switch Bible Plans.