



SWITCH LEADER GUIDE

THE POINT

You will need your Tribe.

Message: *Your Toughest Year Yet*

Topic: Maturity

Verses:

James 1:2-5 NIV

Look these verses up in your YouVersion Bible Apps. Challenge your students to memorize these verses the whole month of January.

LEADER WIN

Welcome back! Make sure you catch up with your students and help them feel needed and known. Also, tonight, we've got a **reflective exercise**. Your students will have student guides they'll use for the whole month of January. Tonight, you'll guide them as they **write an open letter to their weakness** during group time. Use that as a launching pad for discussion as they develop an action plan to address their weakness. Also, throughout the month of January, challenge them to memorize James 1:2-5.

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HOW ARE YOU?

TribeDweller – We will be a tribe that cares deeply for one another.

1. **Catch up.** How was everyone's Christmas? How've you been?
2. **Get talking.** Did you make any New Year's resolutions or goals for this year? If so, what are they? If not, why not?
3. **Get going.** What stuck out to you from tonight's message?

LET'S REFLECT ON WHAT WE HEARD.

Pass out your students' packets and pens. We'll use these through the whole month of January, so follow your campus' instructions on how to store them. Tonight, your **students will write an open letter to their weakness** by following the instructions on their guides. **Help them** do this. As they work, **ask these questions:**

1. What is your weakness? What makes you choose that?
2. What will be better about your life if you defeat that weakness?
3. How will you defeat that weakness? Who will help you?
4. Give students plenty of time to work on their letters, and ask some of the questions from their student guides.
5. Ask if any of your students want to read their finished letters. Take time to talk through them and give students space to finish.

SO, ABOUT TONIGHT...

LightSeeker – We will seek God, our light.

1. Look up and read **James 1:2-5**. What would it look like for this year to be your toughest yet? How can those verses help you become stronger this year?
2. What is your game plan when you face trials this year?

AND IT MATTERS BECAUSE?

StoryTeller – We will live lives that tell our story to the world.

1. Spend some time as a group memorizing James 1:2-5 NIV. Try reading it several times, reciting it verse by verse, etc.
2. **Action Steps:** Again, see if anyone wants to share their letter. Ask how they'll make their letter come true. Decide on an action plan for how to conquer your weakness. Start the YouVersion Bible Plan. Spend time praying together about your weaknesses, etc.