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## SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Big Church  
Week 4: Carry On

### Big Question

What is the future of church?

### The Verse

**James 1:26 NLT**

*If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless.*

### 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 series:

*Is Church Important?*

### Icebreaker Question

What's your favorite motivational phrase?

### Choose questions for your small group.

1. What stood out to you the most from the message? What's one thing you learned?
2. How do you feel about people when they say they believe one thing but act totally differently?
3. Read **James 1:26 NLT**. What do you think controlling your tongue has to do with your religion?
4. If you are the Church, what do people see when they look at your life?
5. How do you share your beliefs outside of church walls?
6. If you could do something to serve as the Body of Christ outside the walls of the local church, what would you do? How might you be able to work toward doing that? *Allow students to brainstorm and imagine. Encourage them to think bigger than they might usually. No limits—anything short of sin!*
7. Pray together. Pray that students will truly understand and live the fact that they're not the church of tomorrow—they're the church of today! Pray that they would live their lives as a bright light pointing others to Jesus each and every day of their entire lives.

### Leader Notes/Announcements

\*Promote **Swerve** to your 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

\*Encourage 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to come to **Switch** with a friend when it begins later this month.

\*Tell your students about the **YouVersion Bible Plan** and encourage them to complete it together as a group or with their families using Plans with Friends.