



## Week 3: Faithful to the Impressionable

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### FACILITATOR'S NOTE:

**Regarding COVID:** While stress from the COVID-19 pandemic is still high, be sure to check in with group members with what has come to be known as **CPR** (Care, Prayer, Remember):

- **Care** refers to loving and supporting each other, from helping one another with tangible needs, rejoicing in celebrations together, and supporting personal struggles with encouragement and empathy
- **Prayer** refers to bringing our worries and needs before God and depending on him for the answers as we pray for each other, our community, and the world
- **Remember** refers to reflecting on God for who He is, what He has done in our lives, and what He is capable of doing

For more resources on care and prayer, check out the Slack channels.

### Using the Discussion Questions:

- ✓ Start your group discussion with the “Check-in” question to help your members reflect back on their week and follow up on last week’s application challenge.
- ✓ Review the “Big Idea” to help you gain clarity around the heart of this week’s message.
- ✓ Read this week’s scripture passages together and guide your group through the “Discuss” questions to initiate meaningful dialogue around key concepts or insights from this week’s message.
- ✓ Move your group discussion to a deeper level by leading them through questions in “Apply”. Use discernment to customize these application questions to meet the needs & dynamics of your group.

**NOTE:** You do not have to cover all the “Discuss” or “Apply” questions.

- ✓ Connect with God together as a group through this week’s “prayer practice”, which can be in the form of a prayer exercise or some guidance on what to pray for in relation to the message or application.

<b>CHECK-IN</b>	Jesus saw the potential, even when he knew Peter would fail. Do you have any “Oh Peter” moments in the past weeks and felt the validation from Jesus despite our imperfection?
<b>BIG IDEA</b>	For the children and youth in your life, you are the only Jesus they see. Have you been striving to be in a place where you can say, “imitate me as I imitate Jesus”?

<p><b>DISCUSS</b></p>	<p><b>Read 1 Corinthians 4:14-16; Philippians 3:12-21</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What in the sermon spoke to you, challenged you, or was a new thought to you?</li> <li>2. God calls and empowers us to demonstrate to the younger Christians what faith and Jesus is all about. What difference has it made in your life for knowing this?</li> <li>3. How do you feel about taking on this responsibility? Why?</li> <li>4. How do you show others your faith genuinely and faithfully?</li> </ol>
<p><b>APPLY</b> How do we respond to God's teaching in meaningful ways? What might God ask of us in mind, spirit, or actions?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Think of an example or imitation of Christ for you when growing up. What can you learn from this person?</li> <li>2. What is one goal you could set this week to be able to say more confidently, "Follow me, as I follow Christ"?</li> <li>3. For the young Christians in your life, how could you connect with them creatively during this pandemic?</li> </ol>
<p><b>PRAYER PRACTICE</b> (15 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Clenched Hands/Open Hands</b></p> <p>In times of crisis, either full blown or background, words don't often come easily to express what we struggle with, or what we need from God. Sometimes our bodies express ourselves more honestly than our words.</p> <p>This practice involves the use of our hands as a prayer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Taking a few deep breaths, allow for 1 minute of silence to pass in order to prepare yourself to be in God's presence...</li> <li>➤ Now clench your hands into tight fists and hold for 1 minute. During this minute, let your hands say what your heart is heavy with. Imagine what is sinking your heart and weighing down your clenched fist...</li> <li>➤ Now release your fists and open your hands to God. As you lift your hands, imagine also, God's life-giving presence flowing into your hands, replacing what was there before, abundantly filling your openly receiving hands. Take 3 minutes of silence to allow your hands to receive.</li> <li>➤ Close your prayer by placing your hands over your heart, letting what was received sink into your heart.</li> </ul> <p><b>Group Practice:</b></p> <p>As prompted by the Holy Spirit, group members share what they might have received from God during this group practice. <i>What did you receive from God?</i></p>