



INCLUDE (WEEK 1) SMALL GROUPS—TOLERANCE

Purpose: To help students understand what others students think about and how they define tolerance and know the difference in tolerating people and not tolerating sin.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Pen and paper for each group to write down its definition of tolerance
- Items for Icebreaker
 1. Two blindfolds
 2. Two oranges
 3. Dirty gym socks
 4. Sour milk
 5. Peanut butter
 6. Bad perfume
 7. A stick of deodorant

SAMPLE MEETING AGENDA

1. Pre-meeting prayer (leaders)
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements
 - Announce guest speaker for next week
 - Begin to get ideas for outreach event
 - Announce student speaker
4. Icebreaker
5. Discussion/small groups
6. Prayer/Dismiss

ICEBREAKER:

Divide into two teams with three people on each team. (For more than two teams, provide more stinky items.) One person from each will be blindfolded. The object of the game is to see if they can guess the smell and whether they can tolerate it. Team members will take turns placing the item within “smellable” range to the blindfolded individual and providing clues to help the blindfolded individual to guess the item.

DISCUSSION:

Divide the students into small groups. Let each person give his/her definition of tolerance. Then discuss the following questions.

1. Why is tolerance needed for today's gospel?





2. Why do we tolerate people?
3. Why don't we tolerate sin?
4. How can we tolerate people?
5. How can we not tolerate sin and still present the gospel in an effective manner?
6. How can we, as the Church, present the gospel in an effective manner in today's post-modern world?

BIBLICAL SUPPORT AND APPLICATION:

1. The woman at the well (John 4:4-42)
2. The blind beggar (Luke 18:35-43)
3. Jesus and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

These and many others stories in the Bible show how Jesus tolerated people and not their sin.

PRAYER/DISMISS





INSPIRE: (WEEK 2) GUEST SPEAKER—TOLERANCE

Purpose: To share the importance of accepting people who are in sin, while conveying the gospel.

BEFORE THE MEETING:

- Invite the speaker at least two weeks before the meeting and give him/her the topic
- Inform the speaker of the time, day and location of the club meeting.
- Select a student to meet the speaker at the office, help him/her sign in as a visitor, and take him/her to the meeting room.
- Contact your guest speaker again a day or two before the meeting to confirm everything.
- Remind the speaker the goal is to motivate students, not to share denominational issues.
- Select a student to introduce the speaker

YOU WILL NEED:

- Guest speaker
- Refreshments

SAMPLE MEETING AGENDA

1. Pre-meeting prayer (leaders)
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements
 - Outreach event
 - Assign outreach assignments
4. Introduce speaker
5. Guest speaker
6. Prayer/dismiss



SUGGESTED SPEAKER OUTLINE: "WHY CAN'T SIN BE IN A CHRISTIAN'S LIFE?"

Text: Romans 6:23 and 3:23

Read Romans 6:23.

A. Why have we fallen short?

1. We (mankind) fell in the garden.
2. We chose our way, instead of God's way.
3. Our righteousness is as filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6).

B. What can we do to stop sin in our life?

1. Know what sin you are committing and ask God to forgive you and to help restore you.



2. Work on trying to stop doing that sin.
 3. Don't tolerate sin in your own life.
 4. Ask a friend to hold you accountable, to ask you how you've been doing in regards to killing that particular sin in your life.
- C. What can we do to help Christian friends when they sin?
1. Accept the person for who they are and not the sin- Love person. Hate the sin.
 2. Hold that person accountable.
 3. Pray always with God to inspire more of Him in your life

CONCLUSION:

Sin is everywhere, but we shouldn't tolerate it. Remember to love people and hate sin.





INVOLVE (WEEK 3) STUDENT SPEAKERS—TOLERANCE

Purpose: To share why tolerating people is the first step in sharing the gospel.

BEFORE THE MEETING:

- Invite the student or students to speak.
- Make sure all student speakers are informed of the topic.

ITEMS YOU WILL NEED:

- Refreshments

SAMPLE MEETING AGENDA

1. Pre-meeting prayer
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements
 - Invest week's outreach event
 - Follow up on outreach assignments
4. Introduce student speaker or speakers (name and grade)
5. Student speaker(s)
6. Questions and answers
7. Prayer/dismiss



SAMPLE STUDENT SPEAKER OUTLINE:

- A. Woman at the well (John 4:4-42)

Jesus knew the woman's sin, but He didn't come out to condemn her.
- B. What can we do to help people who are in sin? (Matthew 7:4)
 1. We must first check our sin.
 2. Approach them with love.

PRAYER/DISMISS:

During the prayer time, pray for encouragement for all students to bring a non-Christian friend and for boldness to ask them to come to the outreach event.



INVEST (WEEK 4) OUTREACH EVENT—TOLERANCE

Purpose: To help people understand that without Jesus in our lives, sin will continually distance us from God; sin separates us from God. Sin cannot be in His presence.

BEFORE THE MEETING:

- Think creatively. What can you do that would make your pre-Christian friends want to come to Youth Alive this week?
- Secure the speaker at least two weeks in advance.
- Have all altar workers ready to hand out response cards.
- Be ready to hand out the Book of Hope.
- Make sure the message is simple to understand for everyone.
- Plan for effective follow-up.



ITEMS YOU WILL NEED:

- Refreshments
- Response cards
- Altar workers
- Books of Hope

SAMPLE MEETING AGENDA

1. Pre-meeting prayer (leaders and speaker)
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements (date, time and location for the next meeting)
4. Introduce student speaker
5. Student speaker
6. Invitation, prayer, response cards/dismiss

SAMPLE SPEAKER OUTLINE

- A. God loves you (John 3:16-17).
- B. The reason Jesus came (Romans 3:23)
- C. The answer for the lost world (John 10:10)