



Inning Purpose: To develop the desire and ability to tell others about Jesus.

## INCLUDE (WEEK 1) SMALL GROUPS—TELL

Purpose: To discuss the importance of telling others about Jesus, and practical ways to do so.

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Refreshments

### MEETING AGENDA:

1. Pre-meeting prayer (leaders)
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements
  - Inspire week speaker
  - Invest week outreach
  - Outreach assignments to club members (hang up posters, invite friends, etc.)
  - Other
4. Icebreaker
5. Small group discussion
6. Prayer/dismiss

### DISCUSSION:

Divide into groups of three to five students and ask them to discuss the following questions. You may want to select a facilitator for each group to keep the discussion moving. You may also wish to provide each facilitator or each group with a list of the questions and comments to be discussed.

1. Why is it hard to share Jesus with your friends?
2. What can you do to be more effective in sharing Jesus with others?
3. Name five friends you know who aren't Christians. Make a commitment to pray everyday they will become Christians.
4. To what event could you invite these friends where they will hear about Jesus? Or, is there an upcoming event/place where you could tell them about Him?
5. How can we make week four (Invest week) the most effective?

Finish the session with prayer. Ask God to prepare our pre-Christian friends to hear about Jesus. Ask God to use you to tell them. Pray this prayer every day.





*If time allows, answer the following questions in your small groups:*

1. What can you apply from today's discussion to your life?
2. Do you have daily time alone with God in prayer and His Word?
3. What have you learned from God's Word this week?
4. Did you attend church or youth service this past week?
5. What did you learn from the message/lesson?

## PRAYER/DISMISS





## INSPIRE (WEEK 2) GUEST SPEAKER—TELL

Purpose: To encourage members to tell others about Jesus; to show the many ways God can use students to share Jesus with their friends.

### BEFORE THE MEETING:

- Invite the speaker at least two weeks in advance and give him or her the topic (witnessing).
- Instruct the speaker how and when to wrap up his or her time.
- Instruct the speaker what time and where to meet the day of the club.
- Select a student to meet the speaker at the office, help him or her sign in as a visitor, and take him or her to the meeting room.
- Select a student to introduce the speaker. You will need to get background information prior to the meeting. Give the information to the student who will introduce the speaker. Instruct him or her to practice the introduction before the meeting.
- Contact your guest speaker again a day or two before the meeting to reconfirm everything. (This is also a good time to verify your facts for the introduction.)
- Remember the goal is to motivate students, not to share denominational issues.

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Speaker (Christian businessperson, teacher, sponsoring youth pastor, senior pastor, or other Christian leader)
- Refreshments

### MEETING AGENDA:

1. Pre-meeting prayer (leaders)
2. Welcome and attendance
3. Announcements
  - Invest week outreach event
  - Follow-up on or assign outreach assignments
  - Other
4. Introduce speaker
5. Guest speaker
6. Prayer/dismiss



### ICEBREAKER:

No icebreaker is listed due to time limitations. Give your guest speaker as much time as possible to speak; if time allows, a human video or short drama could be effective. The presentation should be inspirational and based upon the theme for the meeting.

### PRAYER/DISMISS



## INVOLVE (WEEK 3) STUDENT SPEAKERS—TELL

Purpose: To share about the importance of telling others about Jesus.

### BEFORE THE MEETING:

- Ask two to three students to be prepared to speak using the outline on the next page or to develop an outline of their own that features the subject “telling.”
- Ask a youth pastor to review the written testimonies, if necessary, and give suggestions.

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Refreshments

### MEETING AGENDA:

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



### SUGGESTED OUTLINE

#### *Telling Others About Jesus*

Text: Mark 16:15, “He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation’” (NIV).

Introduction: God’s Word teaches us to go and reach the world—including our friends—for Jesus. We often drop the ball because we do not have the necessary tools to tell others about Jesus. We need to understand the most effective way to win people to Christ.

#### A. Authenticity

1. Authentic people are witnesses in their speech and in their actions.
2. Authentic people show the true love of Christ—even to the lost.
3. When you love, you follow the example of Jesus. He showed love to sinners as well.

#### B. Compassion



1. Compassionate people have a true love for the lost. If you do not have that love, ask the Lord to give you a passion for the lost.
2. Compassionate people want to reach the lost no matter the cost.

## C. Sacrifice

1. Sacrificial people are willing to give of themselves to reach people—even if it involves great personal sacrifice.
2. Becoming a sacrificial person means you are willing to reach out to people beyond your circle of friends regardless of how those people look, smell or what clothes they wear.

## D. Clarity

1. Do not try to impress the lost with the amount of doctrine or theology you know.
2. Show others the simple salvation message in Scripture and how one can attain it.

## E. Understand

1. What kind of person it takes to be effective in evangelism
2. The obstacles you might face.

## F. Lack of Trust

1. If the lost do not feel you really love them, or you are not concerned with their salvation, you will never reach them. They have to know your motivation is love with “no strings attached.”
2. Building trust takes time (which takes us back to sacrifice). It does not happen overnight.

G. God will open the doors for you to minister to people. Pray He will do so. Pray for wisdom to know when those doors are open, and you are willing to minister to that person.



## PRAYER/DISMISS:

Spend at least five minutes in prayer. Announce next week's speaker. Challenge the group to bring friends who are going through a challenging time to Invest week next week (e.g., students whose families are in crisis, students who have problems in school, struggling with life, etc.).



## INVEST (WEEK 4) OUTREACH EVENT—TELL

Purpose: To invest the Message of hope, Jesus Christ, in your friends on your campus.

### 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. Give your speaker the following guidelines as he or she prepares:
  1. Be prepared to ask the students to respond to the message and receive Christ as their Savior and Lord.
  2. Speak confidently; clearly and energetically tell everyone about Jesus, then lead those who are willing in a prayer of repentance and faith.
  3. Keep in mind the purpose for the week. Response cards will be given out.
  4. This should not be a story of one's church, but of the Lord who wants a relationship with each person.
  5. Don't use religious terms (like "sanctified" or "redeemed"); visitors who have never been to church do not understand the lingo.
  6. Stay away from abstract, hard-to-define concepts and stick to the practical. What is applicable?
  7. Allow enough time at the end to pass out and collect response cards.
- Select members to be responsible for distributing and collecting response cards. Give them clear instruction as to when and how this should happen.
- Plan for effective follow-up. Students who bring friends should follow up with them concerning a commitment to Jesus, to answer questions, involve them in a local church, and bring them back next week for Include week's small groups.



### YOU WILL NEED:

- Food/breakfast (e.g., doughnuts). Ask a church to sponsor the cost as an evangelistic investment.
- Response cards and pens

### MEETING AGENDA:

1. Pre-meeting prayer (leaders)
2. Welcome and attendance



3. Announcements (Limit to date, time, and location for the next meeting)
4. Icebreaker (optional)
5. Introduce student speaker
6. Student testimony/gospel presentation
7. Invitation, prayer, response cards
8. Dismiss/initial follow-up

## SUGGESTED OUTLINE

Ask a youth leader or pastor to help put an outline together to effectively present the gospel. Have the speaker add personal stories from his or her life to illustrate the points.

Other suggestions:

- Worship band with gospel presentation, followed by an explanation of salvation.
- Creative drama with gospel presentation, followed by an explanation of salvation.
- Video with gospel presentation, followed by an explanation of salvation.

