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SMALL GROUP SERIES

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Radical Youth is a six-part small group series aimed at young people aged 11-18 years.

It explores how, in many ways, God has called us to be radical, and what that means for our lives.

Each session contains a GOAL, a BIG IDEA, some KEY STATEMENTS, and five QUESTIONS for group leaders to follow.

Along with five of the six sessions, there is video message recorded live at IKON Youth around the topic of the session.

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SESSION ONE

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GOAL:

To help teenagers understand the significance of what we attach our lives to.

BIG IDEA:

One of the meanings of radical is to go to the root of something. When you consider trees, for a tree to be strong it needs to have the right roots. And it's the same for our lives. For us to live strong, thriving lives, we need to have the right roots. We need to attach our lives to things that will give us a strong foundation.

KEY STATEMENTS

“THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION WE WILL MAKE IS WHAT WE ATTACH OUR LIVES TO”

“DON'T BE SO ATTACHED TO WHO YOU ARE NOW THAT YOU WON'T TAKE A RISK TO BECOME WHO YOU WANT TO BE LATER”

“JESUS IS THE ROOT - HE IS THE LIFE SOURCE”

QUESTIONS

Try and describe yourself using only five words. See if the rest of the group agrees with what you've chosen.

“Who you attach yourself to determines the output of your life.”
Discuss this statement.

Read John 15:5-8 What do you think Jesus is trying to say here?

What are good foundations that we can attach our lives to?

Is there anything that you're currently attaching your life to that you need to remove? Pray into this.

PRAYER: Pray over young people and their friends.

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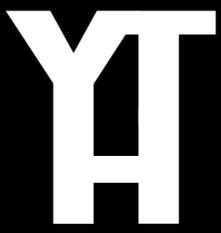
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NATHAN BENGER: Radical Youth
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SESSION TWO



RADICAL YOUTH:

RADICAL NOTES TO A RADICAL YOUTH

GOAL:

To help teenagers learn about the importance of God's Word.

BIG IDEA:

One of the definitions of the word, radical, is this: "relating to or affecting the fundamental nature of something."

God speaks in **radical terms**. We know this because when He speaks, the fundamental nature of things change.

If we're going to be a radical youth, we need to listen to and apply the radical words of God.

KEY STATEMENTS

"GOD'S WORD IS THE ROOT OF OUR EXISTENCE - HUMAN LIFE STARTED BY HIM SPEAKING"

"GOD'S WORD IS A CHEAT CODE - IT ALWAYS COMES TO PASS"

"GOD'S WORD CHANGES THOSE WHO HEAR IT"

QUESTIONS

Name your favourite movie/TV villain and your favourite hero.

Villains tend to speak in terms of death and destruction. Heroes tend to speak in terms of hope and kindness. What terms would you like to generally speak in?

Read James 1:21 NLT What does this verse teach us about God's word?

Read Matthew 4:4 How do we live on the word of God?

Another definition of radical, in regards to chemistry, is, "a group of atoms behaving as a unit in a number of compounds." Finish by thinking and planning of ways you can read God's word together, as a *unit*.

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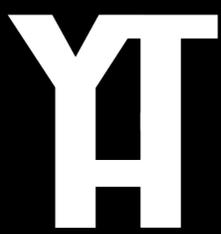
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BEN LLOYD: Radical Notes to a Radical Youth
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SESSION THREE



RADICAL YOUTH: WE GO AGAIN

GOAL:

To help teenagers learn about the importance of persisting and not giving up.

BIG IDEA:

How resilient are you? Resilience is the ability to bounce back - when bad or unexpected things happen, we are resilient when we pick ourselves up and go again.

A radical youth is resilient in the face of adversity. It is a generation that does not give up but develops the ability, by the power of Jesus, to get up and to go again.

KEY STATEMENTS

“WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR STRENGTH - STRENGTH TO KEEP GOING”

“THE RIGHT FOUNDATIONS IN OUR LIVES WILL CREATE RESILIENCE”

“GOD WON’T GIVE UP ON US, AND SO WE CAN’T GIVE UP ON OURSELVES”

QUESTIONS

Tell a story about a time where you badly messed up.

Do you find it hard to bounce back from failures in life? And why?

Read John 16:33 What does it mean to ‘take heart’ and how can we do this?

Can you think of someone who has shown resilience and not given up? What can you learn from them?

How can we help each other to be resilient? Especially when we experience something that may knock us back?

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LUCY HURD: We Go Again
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SESSION FOUR



RADICAL YOUTH: DAY TO DAY

GOAL:

To help teenagers learn about the importance of living out their faith everyday.

BIG IDEA:

So much of life is about getting the daily rhythms right. And for a young generation to be radical for Jesus, it must be lived out on a daily basis.

Radical youth looks like young people who can stand strong in their faith everyday, be excited and passionate about what God is doing, and is completely unashamed of him.

KEY STATEMENTS

“FOR US TO SEE A YOUTH REVIVAL, WE NEED TO BE RADICAL IN OUR DAY TO DAY LIVES”

“TRUE FRIENDS WILL RESPECT YOU AND YOUR FAITH”

“DOING LIFE WITH FRIENDS IN YOUTH AND CHURCH IS THE GREATEST ADVENTURE”

QUESTIONS

What are your current daily routines? What are the things you always do without fail?

Is there anything you don't do now that you wish was a part of your daily routine?

Read Romans 1:16 What does it look like to live a life that is unashamed of Jesus?

Talking about Jesus/Church/faith can be tough and scary for a lot of people. Can you think of any practical ways to help each other do this more confidently and effectively?

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RADICAL YOUTH: BEAT THE ALGORITHM

GOAL:

To help teenagers learn about the importance of faith in Jesus.

BIG IDEA:

There is an enemy, and we know this because Jesus said as much. **Matthew 13:38-39** is just one example - "...The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil." The enemy has an *algorithm* to try and attack us. It's threefold... he aim to distract us, to discourage us, and to make us doubt. But our tool to beat this algorithm is FAITH.

KEY STATEMENTS

"RADICAL YOUTH NEEDS TO HAVE FAITH FOR GOD TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE"

"FAITH KEEPS TURNING UP - IT HAS A TENACITY AND A PATIENCE"

"FAITH KEEPS ASKING - WHAT HAVE YOU STOPPED ASKING FOR?"

QUESTIONS

Do you have a story of a time when you didn't give up on something? Or someone?

What does FAITH mean to you?

Read Luke 18:1-8 What stood out to you in this story? What does this story tell you about faith?

How do we have a persistent faith?

Is there anything you're believing for that hasn't come to pass yet? Or maybe you've stopped believing that it will happen? Finish by praying into these things.

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RADICAL YOUTH: *BART THE BLIND MAN*

GOAL:

To help teenagers learn about the importance of asking Jesus for what we want.

BIG IDEA:

When you look at the story of Blind Bartimaeus in Mark 10, what stands out is this: his healing wasn't requested by a family member or other able-bodied person. He wasn't hand delivered to Jesus like in the story of the Paralysed Man. And he didn't have the support of the people - there wasn't anyone who seemed to be eager for this man to be healed, let alone meet Jesus. And yet he managed to stop Jesus, and get him to do what he wanted.

KEY STATEMENTS

“ITS POSSIBLE TO INTERRUPT JESUS’ SCHEDULE - IF YOU WANT IT ENOUGH”

“RADICAL YOUTH ARE SO VOCAL IN THEIR DESIRE FOR JESUS THAT HE CAN’T HELP BUT TAKE NOTICE”

“RADICAL YOUTH ARE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR IN WHAT THEY WANT”

QUESTIONS

Is there a time where you got in lots of trouble at school?

Have you ever experienced a moment where you were too scared to speak up?

Read Mark 10:46-52 What does Bartimaeus do in this story that stands out to you?

What can we learn from how Jesus responds to Bartimaeus?

Bartimaeus was clear in what he wanted. What do you want? If Jesus turned up right now and asked you that question, what would you say? Finish by praying for these things.

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BEN LLOYD: Bart the Blind Man
[Starts at 18:00]