

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Week 3: *Down to Earth* Help Others

The Point

Disciples of Jesus are called to help others.

The Verse

Matthew 10:1, 7-8 NIV

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

"As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give."

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 week:

How to Follow Jesus

Icebreaker Question

If you could invent anything, what kind of things would you invent? Why?

Choose questions for your small group.

- 1. What did you think about this week's episode of *Down to Earth?* What was your favorite part?
- 2. Talk about a time someone helped you in a big way. What happened? How did it make you feel?
- 3. Share a time you helped someone else in a big way. What did you do? What motivated you to do it?
- 4. Read Matthew 10:1, 7-8 NIV (printed on front of this guide). What does this verse tell us about what we are called to do? (We are called to serve people in our everyday lives and to share the Good News about Jesus with people we meet.)
- 5. What's one reason you think God wants us to help others? (Answers will vary. Help students know everyone is God's kid, and He wants all of His kids to know Him and enter His family. When we are kind and share about Jesus, they just might choose to follow Jesus, too.)
- 6. What are some ways you can start helping others more?
- 7. How can you share your faith with people who don't go to church with you?
- 8. Take prayer requests, and pray for your students.

Leader Notes/Announcements

- —Promote **Swerve** to your 6th grade students.
- —Invite your 6th grade students to **Switch** on Wednesday nights. Tell your 5th grade students they can follow along on Instagram by following @Icswitch or searching "Icswitch" on YouTube.
- —Encourage students to read the YouVersion Bible Plan: **How to Follow Jesus.** It's a Switch Bible Plan.