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**THE REAL ME (WEEK 3—REAL SIN)**

5/22/16

THP: REAL sin is covered by a REAL God!

*Romans 3:23; Romans 8:1; Romans 5:8; Acts 2:21*

**8:55 – 15-Minute Countdown**

**9:10 – Stupid Video of the Week & Welcome/Announcements**

**9:13 – Game – “Is That A Real Law?”**

**9:23 – Opening Group Discussion**

* ATTENDANCE & HIGHLIGHTS:
  + Take attendance and allow new people to share their name, their school, and what they like to do. Make them feel welcome! Make sure you write their name on your attendance sheet.
* OPENING QUESTIONS:
  + SAY: “Let’s have everyone share one highlight of their week!”
  + SAY/ASK: “Let’s imagine you’ve done something really dumb…like REALLY dumb. A really sticky situation! Who is the first person you would call to help you get out of that sticky situation? Why?”
* PRAY: Prepare for worship by praying together as a group.

**9:29 – Worship Video**

**9:30 – Singing/Worship**

**9:45 – Message – Zach**

**10:00-10:20 – Closing Group Discussion**

**Leaders Note: Make sure to have some Bibles for your group to use!**

ASK: “What was the THP today? Why was that important during the message?”

SAY: “Let’s start by handing everyone their mirrors **(Leaders Note: Pass hand-held mirrors out and few dry-erase markers out).** Each week, we are going to write a different phrase on the mirrors. Today, write down REAL SIN. Make it small because we will be writing on these again for the next few weeks.

ASK: “How did the illustrations with the basketball and the flower help you today? Have you ever experienced those same emotions of guilt/shame? Do you struggle with believing God can forgive your sin? Why or why not?”

SAY/ASK: “Let’s look at this short Bible verse together that we heard earlier in the message today: Romans 5:8. We’ll use the SOAP method to discuss the verse together as a group!

*“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

SCRIPTURE—Read the passage of Scripture out loud twice

OBSERVATION—What stands out to you about this passage?

APPLICATION—How has God demonstrated His love to you personally? Have you ever experienced God’s love before?

-Do you struggle with being REAL about the sin/problems in your life? Is it

hard for you to open up to others about this? Why or why not?

PRAYER—Pray at the end of your discussion (just like normal!). Pray that God would help you apply what you’ve learned and to keep learning/persevering when you mess up!

ASK: “How can this group pray for you this week?”

**Encourage those students in your group who made first-time decisions to follow Jesus! Tell them that this group is a support system for them and they don’t have to do this life alone. After your group is finished with your discussion, close in prayer together!**