

**WEEK:**

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 14, 2018)

THEME:

Paper Cut

MASS READINGS:**FIRST READING:**

Wisdom 7:7-11

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 4:12-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

GOSPEL:

Mark 10:17-30

KEY WORDS:

Surrender, Burden, Worth, Purpose, Worship, Testimony

KEY THEMES:

1. Scripture is a scalpel in the hands of Christ, the surgeon.
2. What Earth calls gold, heaven calls pavement.
3. Wisdom offers a heavenly perspective to earthly matters.
4. We may follow the commandments (the Letter of the Law), but do we truly give God everything (the Spirit of the Law)?

THE ASCENT**Welcome and Introduction (5 min)**

Welcome all of the teens to the discipleship group and invite them to share one “high point” and one “low point” from their week. If there are new teens, invite them to introduce themselves.

Scripture Trivia (10 min)

Using the *Bible Verse Trivia* handout, found on the *May 2018 Life Teen USB* and online at lifeteen.com under Life Support: *May 2018*, have the teens compete to fill in Scripture passages and citations. They can use a Bible to aid them, but not their phones. The teen who correctly completes the challenge first wins. If teens struggle to fill in the handout, have them pair up and compete as a team. Use the following to key check the handouts:

Bible Verse Trivia Key

1. Things in him who strengthens me
2. Jeremiah 29:11
3. Loved the world, gave his only Son, have eternal life
4. Works for good, love, 8
5. Steal, kill, destroy, life, abundantly

LECTIO**Opening Prayer**

Lord, you know our hearts better than we can ever know them. You know our joys, brokenness, and desires. As we grow in your Word, reveal us to ourselves in a greater and deeper way. Give us ears to hear and eyes to see so that we can learn to love and serve you in the specific way in which you call us. We pray this in your name. Amen.

Our Voice (10 min)

Use the following questions to prepare the group for the topic of the session:

- What's the worst type of paper cut you have ever experienced? How is this type of cut different than a cut received from a surgery?
- Have you ever had a friend or family member who was able to “cut into,” or read your actions or words, and know roughly what you were thinking? What was that experience like for you?

Reflection: Paper Cut (5 min)

Play the *Summit* reflection video, “Paper Cut,” found online at lifeteen.com. Use this video to provide a thematic overview to the session before entering into God's Word.

God's Voice (5 min)

Read Hebrews 4:12-13. The facilitator reads the passage aloud, and then invites a teen to read the passage aloud. Encourage the teens to actively listen. After the second read through, invite the teens to open their Bibles and silently read the passage a third time. Allow time to pause and reflect between read-throughs.

MEDITATIO

Reflecting on God's Voice (10 min)

Invite the teenagers to take a few minutes to silently reflect and journal on the following questions:

- Do you believe the Word of God can have an effect in your life right now? If yes, in what way? If no, why not?
- Hebrews 4:13 states that “everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of Him.” Since the Lord can see everything within our hearts, is there anything in your life right now you would like God to speak into? A struggle in a friendship, a health issue, a decision you made, etc.?

ORATIO

Discussing God's Voice (30 min)

Following the silent reflection, guide the teenagers in a time of discussion. The following questions are a great starting point for the discussion, but be open to where the Holy Spirit may guide it:

- Do you have any Scripture verses memorized? If so, what is your favorite verse? How has memorization been a benefit to you?
- Why is it important to know Scripture? What obstacles do you face when reading Scripture?
- The second reading today tells us that the Word of God is “living and effective.” If this is true, how can we seek to overcome these obstacles? Are there any practices of reading Scripture that have been helpful for you?
- What is one way you want to commit to growing in your knowledge of Scripture? Who can you ask to hold you accountable?

CONTEMPLATIO

Lectio Divina - A Deeper Look (10 min)

Every *Summit* session uses the structure of *lectio divina* to gain a deeper understanding of one of the Sunday readings. Break the teens into pairs and have them read the specific steps of this form of prayer, using the *Lectio Divina* handout found on the *May 2018 Life Teen USB* and online at lifeteen.com under Life Support: *May 2018*. Have them write down any questions about this type of prayer and spend time to discussing them as a group.

Closing Challenge

Challenge the teens to pick one of the other readings for the upcoming Sunday and a particular time during the week to pray through it using the *Lectio Divina* handout from the closing activity.