



Sway

Week 1: You Have all You Need

What we want students to learn: Jesus is enough

What we want students to do with what they've learned: Trust that God has given them everything they need to move to action.

Scripture Focus: Philippians 4:19

The Main Point

Why is it that the crowd has such an attractional pull on our actions? Pilate was no stranger to the influence of the crowd. Pilate's choices, at least in his interaction with Jesus in the gospels, were rooted in the opinions of those around him, rather than any personal conviction. Who is influencing the action in your life? Who will you be, someone who follows the crowd or someone who follows where Jesus is leading? During the month of September, we will explore the life of Pilate as we learn what the Bible says about the motivation and follow through of our actions in our walk with the Lord. This week, we will be talking specifically about how Jesus is all we need to move to action.

INTRODUCTION

- **What is one thing you really wish you had right now?**

Did your group get really serious with this question, talking about their deep desires? Did they take it quite literally and say they really wish they had pizza or Chick-Fil-A right now? Whether we want something in a moment (ice cream, the teacher to forget to take up the homework, tickets to the game, a date for homecoming, etc.) or want something for a season (courage to stand up to someone, a relationship, an answer to a big question, etc.) we all have things that we wish we had. In fact, we don't just wish we had them, but we believe our life would be better with them.

Have your students fill in the blanks for the following questions. Encourage them that you aren't looking for them to answer a certain way. Have them answer how they actually feel.

- **If I was _____, then I would do _____.**
- **If I had _____, then I would do _____.**
- **If I had _____, then I would be _____.**

LESSON

- **You are in a new season of life. You are in a new grade, with new classes, classmates and teachers. In this new season, what do you think stops you from moving forward in your walk with Jesus?**
 - *Fear*

- Worry
- Doubt
- Feeling alone
- Other (have them explain)
- **How can Jesus affect the answer you chose in the previous question? For example: how does Jesus affect feeling alone when you are trying to move forward in your walk with Jesus?**
 - *Example answer to example question: I often feel alone moving forward in my walk with Jesus because it feels like a lot of other people aren't doing the same thing. But, I know that Jesus is with me wherever I go, so I am not alone.*

Have your students read Philippians 4:19. In this verse, Paul was actually reflecting on the recent gifts he had received from others that would support his ministry to come. Paul could encourage the church at Philippi that God would meet their needs in order to accomplish what he was calling them to just as God had provided for Paul to continue in the ministry God had called him to. It may not be financial gifts your student needs (although they wouldn't argue about receiving them I'm sure), but God can meet their need to move to action, whatever that need may be.

Philippians 4:19 - And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

- **What does the phrase "Jesus is enough" mean to you?**
- **Has there ever been a time in your life when you realized Jesus was enough? Describe that time and how Jesus was enough for you.**

LIFE APPLICATION

Any time you hear the phrase, "Jesus is enough," it may be hard to believe that we either can really believe this or will really be able to live this way. Sometimes the phrase "Jesus is enough" sounds great, but feels hard to put into practice. Have you ever felt this way? Spend the remaining group time discussing how to make this practical for you students.

- **High school only: Which phrase, of those listed below, do you tend to believe when it come to the topic of not being "enough."**
 - *I am not enough.*
 - *I don't have enough.*
 - *Other. Please explain.*
- **How can you trust that Jesus is enough for you this week?**
 - *Trusting Jesus doesn't have to be obscure or complicated. Trusting Jesus can look like making a decision that Jesus has called you to make, even when you don't know how it will turn out. Trusting Jesus can look like staying pure in your relationships even when no one else is, trusting His way is best. Trusting Jesus can look like inviting someone to church even though you are afraid, trusting Jesus will go with you.*

TAKE IT OUT

Close small group out with prayer requests. Praying specifically for each student to take one step forward in trusting Jesus this week.

After prayer, be sure to remind them of any upcoming group serving activities or student events and THE WEEKEND!