

# FUSION

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## ***LEADER GUIDE***

## To Our Small Group Leaders,

*I am so grateful for you! There are no words to describe the impact you are making at this very moment. This weekend students will be saved, called, changed, and experience revelation like never before. I believe that you are a pastor – called to love, lead, and speak into the lives of the students God has given you stewardship over. I praise God every day for sending YOU to fpStudents. I am truly thankful for you, the sacrifices you have made to serve this weekend, and for the gifts you are giving to change the world, one student at a time. I am asking God for a fresh revelation of who we are in Him. It is our prayer that your students will embrace Jesus in a new way as they recognize that He made a way so we can light the way.*

*Father,*

*We come together as one heart. I am asking you God for a fresh revelation of our calling in you. Thank you for sending your Son to make a way for us. We come to you praying for boldness to light the way. Thank You God for how You're going to move, save, redeem, restore and deliver this weekend. We ask right now that you bless every leader with wisdom and discernment far beyond the natural and that You soften the hearts of the students they're leading. We beg for Your intervention and surrender right now to the work You have planned. I ask that You return to those who are sacrificing ten-fold the blessing they are pouring out for this weekend.*

*Father, I ask a special blessing over families while they are a part and know that a supernatural provision for their families is ahead. I speak a spirit of protection over each leader and student and bind the enemy in the powerful name of Jesus – confident that there is nothing that can overcome Your church and Your will for this weekend. Thank you God for creating them for such a time as this – we know we are not here by accident, but by divine appointment. Thank You for the harvest that is coming! We can't wait to be in the presence of a God who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Holy Spirit have your way in us.*

*Thank you, God for the privilege to seek you here and now,  
Amen*

*I love you so much and can't thank you enough for taking time to pour into the next generation!*

*Your Global Student Pastor,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zac Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

# ***Fusion 2018***

## ***Friday Night, February 23rd***

<b>6:00p</b>	Leaders arrive at Host Homes
<b>6:30p</b>	Students arrive at Host Homes
<b>8:00p</b>	Large Group Session #1 (PEL Campus)
<b>10:00p</b>	Return to Host Homes
<b>10:30p</b>	Small Group Session #1

## ***Saturday, February 24th***

<b>8:30a</b>	Breakfast @ Host Homes
<b>10:00a</b>	Large Group Session #2 (PEL Campus)
<b>12:00p</b>	Lunch MS @ Karns Middle / HS @ HVA
<b>1:30p -5:30p</b>	Afternoon Actives & Prayer Session

<b>6:00p</b>	Dinner @ Host Homes
<b>6:30p 7:30p</b>	Prayer Service @ Farragut High (optional)
<b>8:30p</b>	Large Group Session #3 (PEL Campus)
<b>11:00p</b>	Return to Host Homes

## ***Sunday, February 25th***

<b>8:30a</b>	Breakfast @ Host Homes
<b>9:00a</b>	Small Group Session #2

Clean up homes, pack,  
and get ready for church

***Student Pastors will give you your service times.***

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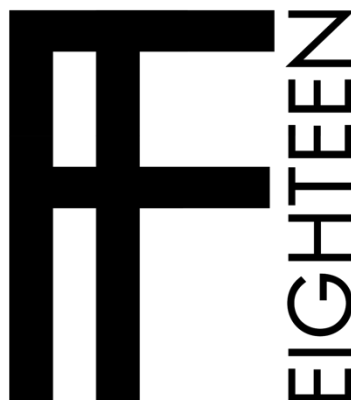
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## Host Home Sign In Sheet

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## ***Guidelines for Leaders***

1. Your host family is in charge at all times.
2. The only way a student can be excused from participating this weekend is a Time-Out card. This must be turned in at drop off.
3. Pranks and other acts of mischief are not a part of Fusion. Any type of this activity will result in students being sent home.
4. There is absolutely no tolerance for any prohibited items or violence.
5. Do everything as a group this weekend.
6. The telephone of your host family should only be used in an emergency.
7. Go out of your way for your host family this weekend. For example, leave a signed thank you card.
8. All medication must be given to the small group leader with written instructions at drop off.
9. Keep a positive attitude! You set the tone for your group.
10. Cell phones are allowed during most of the weekend. Please collect cellphones during small group times and at lights out. Please communicate that cell phones are a privilege and to use them responsibly.
11. Use the global number for emergencies.



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## Small Group 1: New Roads

**What we want students to learn:** God is constantly making a way through the chaos and crazy of life for our students to experience more of Him.

**What we want students to do with what they've learned:** Be watchful and willing to follow God's new roads of opportunity in their lives.

**Large Group Message Focus:** Tonight's message will have a heavy emphasis on salvation. So, you may have students in your group who accept Jesus as their savior for the first time. Exciting, right?! Over the course of this weekend, have some conversations with these students, making sure they understand the decision they made and are aware of some next steps they can take, such as baptism. Need help with this? Grab a counseling booklet at the information desk. That is a great place to start!

**Scripture Focus:** Isaiah 43:18-19

**Supporting Scripture:** Psalms 5:8

## The Main Point

Welcome to Fusion weekend. Thank you for the sacrifice you made to be here this weekend. We know you have plans you said no to and families at home. Yet, you still chose to come here. You are the true heartbeat of this ministry! Thank you for being on the team.

This is the first of two small group sessions at Fusion 2018. This small group is all about making your few feel welcomed and comfortable. This small group will discuss how God's new "roads" show us the way to more of Him and more of the life He has for us.

### INTRODUCTION

Whether you have brand new students this weekend or have had the same group of students for years, Fusion introduces a new environment for everyone. In order to help everyone, get to know each other even better, take a few minutes to discuss one or two of the following "would you rather questions."

Would you rather...

- **Never use social media or never watch another movie or TV show?**
- **Live without the internet or live without AC?**
- **Have whatever you are thinking appear above your head for everyone to see or have absolutely everything you do live streamed for anyone to see?**
- **Freebie: Have your students make up their own would you rather question.**

PRAY for this weekend. Pray that your students would experience Christ like never before and that they would better understand the goodness of God and how He is making new roads in their lives.

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### LESSON

*We recognize that keeping students focused for 45 minutes to an hour in a house with endless snacks can be quite the challenge; some may even call it magic. So, just know that our expectation is not for you to cover every single question in its entirety. In fact, if you only discuss two questions from the guide and still have amazing conversations leading students closer to Jesus, that's a win! You are the champion for your small group, called to fight for what God is doing in the individual lives of your students. So, know that we trust you to lead your small group in the direction God calls you to. After all, the organic conversations centering around your student's specific needs are going to be the best thing for them. Lead away!*

- **What was your favorite part of tonight's session?**
- **What is the theme of our church for the year?**
  - *New Rivers, New Roads* from Isaiah 43: 18-19. It is an incredible promise in Scripture that charts out our course out of the "wilderness" and into the wonder of life with Jesus.

Have your student read Isaiah 43:18-19 together.

- **Does God provide new roads to believers and non-believers?**
  - *Yes, but they do look a little different.*

Perhaps God's "roads" can be best defined as, **the opportunities God gives us to experience more of Him and more of the life He has for us.** While He is doing this constantly, when life gets crazy and chaotic these roads can invite clarity into the chaos of life.

- **How would God's new roads look different for believers and non-believers?**
  - *God is making new roads for both believers and non-believers. For believers, He is paving a path to have opportunities to share about God's love, opportunities to glorify Him, and even opportunities to follow His lead when we don't know what to do or who to go to. For non-believers, He is constantly chasing after their heart, making paths to reveal more of Himself to them. Their first road to Him will be the road of salvation, a road only Jesus could make.*
- **In real life, what does it look like for God to provide a new road (It's usually not a physical road that you can turn onto)?**
  - *New roads can be opportunities in your life, such as talking to that friend that does not know Jesus or God giving you an opportunity to lead a group younger kids that you can influence. New roads can be blessings from Him. New roads can be provision or a newly felt love from our King. Ultimately, God knows the different roads that each and every one of us need in different seasons.*

#### LIFE APPLICATION

- **Can we miss the new roads that God has for us? How can we miss them?**
  - *YES! We can get stuck in the "norm" of our lives and stick to our plan without straying, which causes us to overlook the new that God can be putting in front of us. We can also be scared of the newness of this 'road'; it may take a leap of faith to take this new road.*
- **Think of one new road that God has put in your life in the past year. Did you take this road or did you stay on the safe path and miss the road?**
- **What steps will you take this weekend to ensure you do not miss the new "roads" God has for you?**
  - *Commit to being mindful of new opportunities, pray for new roads and the awareness of the new roads, stay off social media, ask a friend to tell you if they see an opportunity in your life that you are missing, etc.*

#### TAKE IT OUT

Read Psalm 5:8 aloud to your students. You can either pray this over them or simply read it aloud.

Psalm 5:8 – "Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies - make your way straight before me."

Remind your students that God doesn't want to make following Him confusing or complicated. He simply wants to love them and help them walk in a full life in Him. Remind them that this weekend is just another opportunity to learn more about how Jesus loves them and how he has called them to live while they follow him.

#### CLOSING ACTIVITY

Ask your few to break up into groups of 2 or 3 (you may want to break up these groups yourself if you have many new students) and ask them to pray over each other. Ask them to pray that they would be aware of the new roads in front of them and for the faith to take these new roads.

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## Small Group 2: Lift Up Your Eyes

**What we want students to learn:** We want students to learn that Jesus is telling us to look up and see what He is doing in them and the power He has given the students to be effective Christians in their calling.

**What we want students to do with what they've learned:** We want the students to be able to lift their eyes above distractions, hardships, challenges, etc. to see God continuing to move in their life and believe they have the power through Christ to overcome these obstacles.

**Large Group Message Focus:** The morning session we talked about finding our calling and becoming kingdom focused so we could be bright lights for God. The night session we talked about getting rid of distractions, so we can keep being the light God wants us to be to people far from God.

**Scripture Focus:** John 4:25-38

## The Main Point

This group guide is going to be used to allow the students to change their perspective on situations, distractions, life, etc. and be able to lift up their eyes and see God differently and see what He is doing. We will be looking at a story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. Scripture says that Jesus meets a woman at a well around noon. Now, noon isn't a prime time to get water because of the blistering heat, so Jesus knows that this woman is of bad reputation and that is what Scripture tells us. He talks with her and he reveals what she has done in the past and that the man she is staying with is not her husband. This allows her to open up her eyes and see that Jesus might be the Messiah.

### INTRODUCTION

There is an American research base in Antarctica. For Christmas this past year, a researcher brought a present for the other 98 researchers at the base. I'm not sure how he smuggled in 98 presents, but he did. On Christmas day, he passed out the presents and they all opened them at the same time. As everyone started to unwrap the present, the whole base became silent.

- **If you were on this team, what would you want the gift to be?**

They all had been given a stone. A simple rock from back home. Now, I'm going out on a limb, but if you were given a stone you would probably use it to communicate how bad of a present that is. But, these researchers had been at this base for over a year. All they had seen was ice and snow. To see this stone was an amazing sight because their perspective had changed.

- **What is something that you have changed your perspective on?**
  - *This can be as simple as a food they finally liked, a friend who they finally got to know, or a step-parent who they now feel comfortable with.*

A change of perspective is a beautiful experience. Nothing has physically changed, but your whole world has changed. During this group, we are wanting to change your perspective on God, your calling, and your situations.

PRAY that God will begin a work in these students' hearts and open their eyes to what He wants to show them tonight.

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### LESSON

Read John 4:25-38. If you want background info about where we are in Scripture, see the notes under the Main Point section. As you read through this passage, stop several times asking your students about what they just read to ensure everyone is on the same page. Then, reread John 4:35 and John 4:38. Ask the following questions.



- **What do you think Jesus meant by saying, “Lift up your eyes”?**
  - *He is not telling the disciples to physically do this. He is telling them to look beyond what they can physically see and change their perspective to what God is about to do. I wonder if God is telling us on this last night of Fusion to lift up our eyes to see what He sees about people and the world.*
- **Is it hard to “lift your eyes” to see what God wants you to see? Why or why not?**
  - *Yes and yes. It may be easy to see that we are part of something bigger when we are connected and surrounded by a great Christian community comprised of some of our best friends. But when we go back to school and see **that** person, go back to work and see **that** coworker, it can be hard to keep our focus on God. When you see that you are part of something bigger than you, it will give you a sense of purpose, a sense of belonging, a sense of community, and when you feel bogged down and discouraged I want you to step back and realize that there are people here to support you and that you have a great purpose in God’s story.*

Read John 4:31-34 again. The disciples have arrived back to Jesus and have brought food with them. They tell him to eat and He says that He has eaten food that they don’t know about. Then the disciples are like “What? Who gave him something to eat”. They were confused because they were not on the same wavelength as Jesus. The disciples are focused on eating while Jesus is trying to show them what he is capable of and how powerful he is. There is always another way to see something.

- **What is your absolute favorite food?**
- **What do you think Jesus meant by “another food” that the disciples don’t know about?**
  - Jesus, in this case, isn’t actually talking about food at all. In fact, Jesus says He is full when He accomplishes what He was sent here to do. He is full when He does what God has called him to do. When you do what you are called to do there is a supernatural supply of strength given to you in the deepest part of your being. When you are doing what you are called to do with all of your strength, you are going to be FED in your soul. God can use you where you are at.

Re-read verse 35 and ask the following question.

- **What else can “lift up your eyes” mean? In other words, what do you need to focus on?**
  - It can mean lift up your expectations. It can mean to expect God’s power and effectiveness in every part of our lives. Our prayer is that you, the students, do not become “someday Christians”. These Christians think like this, “Someday God will do a work in us,” “Someday we are going to be blessed,” “Someday we are going to be favored”. In verse 35, Jesus seems to allude to the fact that He can do it RIGHT NOW. I want you to elevate your expectations to believe that you will work with supernatural energy and be effective in your calling.

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## LIFE APPLICATION

These questions are going to give the students tools to fight off distractions and allow them to see their life and the world around them as God sees.

- **What are some ways you have been an effective light for Jesus before?**
- **When distractions come, and you are facing hardships, what can you do to remind yourself of God’s power in your life?**
  - *One way is to develop a list of words to live by. **Check out the closing activity below for more information on this.***

## CLOSING ACTIVITY

Challenge the students to create some of their own “Words to Live by” and have them speak those words out loud every morning. This will continue to fuel what God is calling them to do and get past distractions a lot easier. For some inspiration on “Words to live by” show your students this link so they can see examples. <https://finds.life.church/words/>.

**MS ONLY:** Simply watch the video for step two and three on your own and recap it for your student. **HS ONLY:** Have your students watch the step two and step three video. These can be found by skipping the first video.

Then, if you want to take it one step further, create a small group “Words to Live by” video. Using your phone, record one big video including each student saying their “Word to Live by” and then post it to social media. *(Please make sure all of your students are okay with you posting this)*. This will give your group a chance to watch this months down the road and see how they are doing.

- *Create a couple of phrases that remind you of what God is capable of and his power in you. Here are some examples:*
    - *Jesus is first in my life. I exist to serve and glorify Him.*
    - *I love people and believe the best about others.*
    - *Pain is my friend. I rejoice in suffering because Christ suffered for me.*
    - *I seek friendships with other godly people to sharpen my perspective.*
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