



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum - Best Night of the Week

### Week 1: What to Bring

**What we want students to learn:** FPS can be your best night of the week, but it's up to you to bring a few things first.

**What we want students to do with what they've learned:** Bring yourself, your expectations, and your friends.

**Scripture Focus:** Joshua 24:15 & Ephesians 3:20

**Small Group Tip:** Don't forget that you have access to the "throw and tell conversation starter ball" if you get done early or want to take a quick break during small group.

### The Main Point

Welcome to the best night of the week. It is our hope that all of our students want to call fpStudents their home. However, nothing is ever the best without proper preparation and expectations. The goal of this series is to explain why and how we do church so that the students will be more encouraged to fulfill their role as students in the ministry. We also want our students to be excited and expectant about all that the Lord is going to do this year. 2018 is going to be an incredible year for fpStudents!

### INTRODUCTION

We all have our favorite memories and events. Ask your group 2 or 3 of the following questions to lead into the group discussion:

- **What's the best food?**
- **What's the best song?**
- **What's the best birthday party you have ever been to?**
- **What's the best holiday?**
- **What's the best vacation you have ever been on?**

We could go on and on about what we think the "best something" is. When something is the best in our opinion we seem to talk about it a lot in comparison to other things, and sometimes people even associate us with our favorite things. Imagine if everyone made fpStudents the best night of the week. Imagine the impact we could make as a ministry.

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### LESSON

#### 1. Bring yourself

The first step to FPStudents becoming your best night of the week is to show up at FPStudents. If you really want to experience God, grow your small group, and get new people to come, you need to be here! How can you tell people how AWESOME Wednesday nights are if you don't go to them?

- **What are some things that might keep you from coming to church every week?**
  - *Sports, homework, friends aren't going, etc.*
- **What can you gain through attending fpStudents?**
  - *Better relationship with Christ, closer friendships, better small groups, comfort, and wisdom about God's word.*

As a small group leader, your students look up to you. Make sure to be an example of someone who is committed to ministry and coming to learn more about God on a weekly basis.

## 2. Bring your expectations

Come to FPStudents expecting God to move. Come with an open heart for Him to fill. Come with excitement, because He will always be with you and He will be here. Have a student read Joshua 24:15. In Joshua 24:15, Joshua declared that his house would serve the Lord and the Lord alone. It can be easy to get caught up in the routine of Wednesday nights. Instead, come declaring that you'll be focused on Jesus, so that you will be focused on Christ, expecting Him to move.

- **Has God ever met or exceeded your expectations before? What did He do?**
  - *This could be in the form of answered prayers, overwhelming peace, exciting events, etc.*

Have your students also read Ephesians 3:20

- **Why can we expect God to do great things at FPS?**
  - *As Ephesians 3:20 says, "He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." The Lord can and will provide for us, you just have to put your hope and trust in his hands.*

## 3. Bring your friends

Don't just bring yourself, bring your friends too. Also encourage your students to bring their friends back after they visit for the first time. Bringing them is just the first step.

- **How would your life be different if someone had never invited you/brought you to church before?**

Do you have any first time guests in your group? Make sure to tell them how excited we are to have them here. We want them to feel like they are already a part of your group.

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## LIFE APPLICATION

Discuss the following application questions with your students so that they can learn how to better apply these concepts to their daily lives.

- **What is one thing you can do this week to make sure that you can come next Wednesday?**
    - *Answers can include getting ahead on your homework, finding a ride early instead of waiting until last minute, inviting a friend to come with you, etc.*
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## TAKE IT OUT

Close small group out with prayer requests. Encourage students to share things that are really impacting them personally. Pray specifically for the group and this ministry, and the effect they are going to have on the world around them.

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