

Youth Discussion Guide

For the week of December 9 - 15, 2018

Main Thought and Passages:

"Give your burdens to the Lord, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall." (Psalm 55:22 NLT)

- God's best and our best are two different things. God has much better plans for our lives and eternity than we can imagine.
- God promises to take care of His children. Even in the midst of trials, we can be certain God has our back.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8 NIV)

- Even though God knows our failures and flaws, He loves us. His love for us is unconditional and not based on what we do, but on who He is. God is love.
- We must remind ourselves daily that God's love is unconditional.

"Now that we know what we have—Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God—let's not let it slip through our fingers. We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. So let's walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help." (Hebrews 4:14-16 MSG)

- Jesus endured the same temptations we experience today. He understands our struggles.
- Jesus is not indifferent or negligent of our struggles. Rather, He wants to be near and help us through it.

Discussion Questions:

- What comes to your mind when you hear the word "counselor?" What do you think it means when we say that Jesus is a "Wonderful Counselor?"
- What prevents you from coming to God with your struggles and problems?
- What is one area in your life that is difficult to bring to God?

Prayer:

- Pray for one person you're believing to come into a relationship with God this Christmas season.