

Youth Discussion Guide

Circles: For the week of April 26 - May 2, 2020

Main Thought and Scripture

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline." (2 Timothy 1:6-7 NIV)

In the song "Circles," Post Malone sings about how seasons change and love grows cold. It's a song about a relationship that is in the constant loop of breaking apart and coming back together. As humans, the same thing can happen in our relationship with God. Although we may find ourselves in seasons where we feel "cold" or far away from God, Scripture gives us ways in which God empowers us to "fan the flame" and reignite the fire in our relationship with God.

We fan the flame by spending quality time reading the word of God (The Bible) and communicating with God Him in prayer. When we read the Bible we get to know God. There are different methods of how we spend our time reading the Bible (SOAP, devotionals). When we pray, we talk to God but we should also practice listening to God. Just like any other relationship, our conversations should include both talking and listening. When we fan the flame daily, we'll find ourselves feeling less "cold" in our relationship with God. In turn, the fire in us will shine brightly and we can continue to be the light in this world.

Discussion Questions:

- What stood out to you from the main thought and scripture?
- Have you experienced a relationship grow "cold" before? How did it feel and what did you learn from it?
- What is one thing you can start doing in order to fan the flame in your relationship with God?
- What is something you want to change, in yourself or your relationship with God, in order to come out differently after this time of staying home?

Prayer Points:

- Pray for each other to start fanning the flame in their relationship with God and for the desire and endurance to continue trusting God even when it gets difficult.
- Pray for continued flattening of the curve and healing and protection from COVID 19.
- Pray for our government leaders to gain wisdom from God to lead our state, nation and the world.