GO TO THE GARDEN

Discovering Purpose Through God's Original Design

Week #2: Serve God's Creation

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Spend time praising and thanking God in prayer.

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Serve others in your community with your YCI club members.
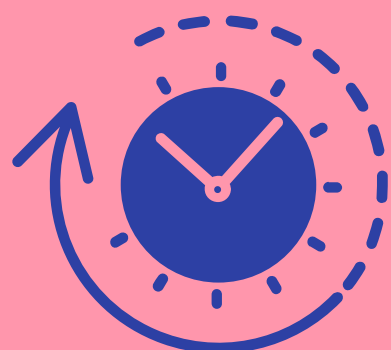
Follow The Leader

How To Play The Game

First, one YCI club member should be chosen as the "Finder", and they must exit the room. While the Finder is outside the room, another person should be chosen as the "Leader". It is the job of everyone else in the room to mimic the actions of the Leader. Once the Finder re-enters the room, it is their job to determine who the Leader is while watching everyone in the room move simultaneously. The Finder has three chances to correctly identify who the Leader is! New candidates can be chosen and the process can continue for as long as time allows!

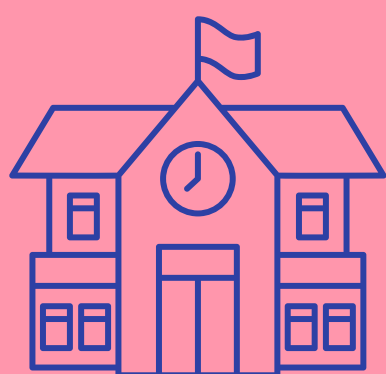# Ask God For His Will To Be Done In The Following Areas:

CLUB TIME

Pray that God will speak to everyone in the room through His Word.

GROUP NEEDS

Take time to discuss and pray over the personal needs and requests of those in attendance.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Ask God to move in situations that are unique to your school and community.

PURPOSE #2: SERVE GOD'S CREATION

Genesis 2:15-20 (ESV)

"**15** The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. **16** And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, **17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." **18** Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." **19** Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. **20** The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him."

3 SIGNS YOU'RE SERVING GOD

You Listen To His Words

Adam was placed in the garden to serve God's creation (Gen. 2:15), and we have been placed in this moment of history to serve God's people (Matt. 28:19). In order to serve God well, Adam had to listen to His directions. Adam had the audible voice of God, but we receive direction from the Lord through the Bible, prayer and the wise counsel He has placed around us.

You Live Within His Limits

God gave Adam absolute freedom within absolute limits. As long as he abstained from trying to trust in his own wisdom (Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil), God gave him freedom to enjoy creation (Gen. 2:16). In the same way, we have been called to find joy and contentment through surrendering our lives to Jesus. You will never be more free than when you choose to live within His limits!

You Lead Alongside Others

The first thing that God said was "not good" about His creation was the fact that Adam was alone (Gen. 2:18). Eve was created to serve alongside him, and we have been called to live with others in the body of Christ. This can be through church community, family relationships and even your YCI club!

Consider This Before You Leave

BIG IDEA

In the Garden of Eden, God created humans to show His ways, **serve His creation** and share His truth. We "serve His creation" through listening to Him, living within His limits and leading alongside others. True leadership is honoring God through serving people!

SHARING TRUTH

Who is someone in your life that needs to hear about what we discussed today? Pray for them, and find time this week to encourage them.

MEETING NEEDS

What is something your YCI club can do to show God's love this semester?

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