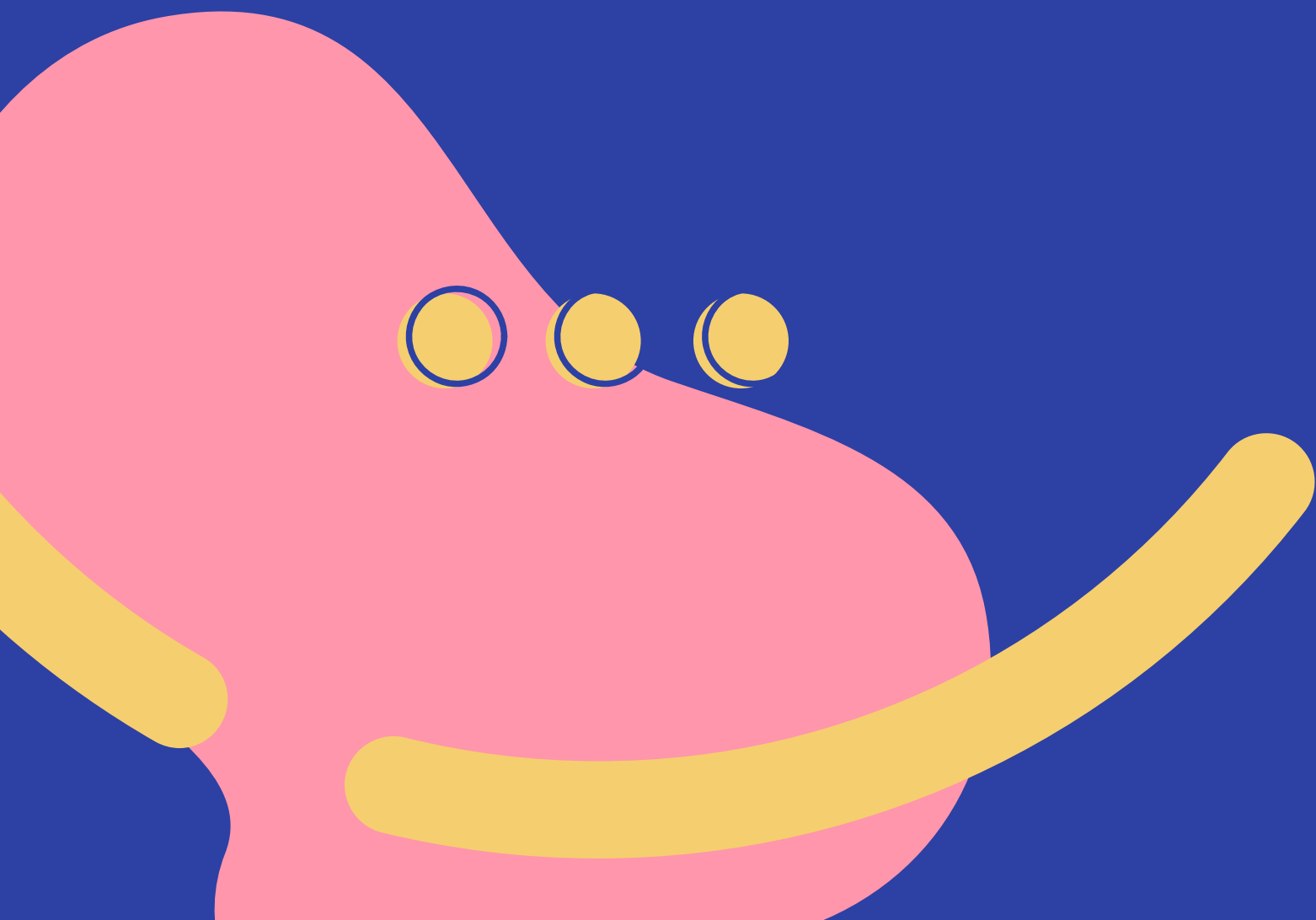




GO TO THE GARDEN

Discovering Purpose Through
God's Original Design

Week #3: Share God's Truth





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Serve others in your community with your YCI club members.



Pterodactyl!

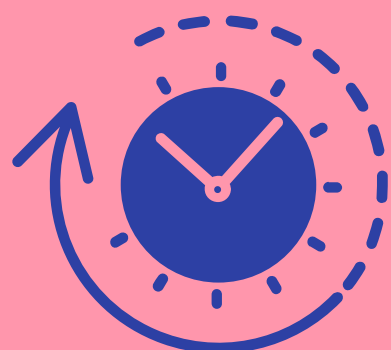
How To Play The Game

This is a ridiculous game that is designed to get everyone laughing! First, the group should form one large circle. Next, with their lips tightened over their teeth (like when you pretend to have dentures), the first player will look to the person on their right or left and say, "Pterodactyl!". This process will continue around the circle either clockwise or counterclockwise (depending on the direction that was determined by the first player). The direction will alternate when a random player decides to do their best "pterodactyl screech" instead of just saying the word! If you laugh, you're out of the game. The last person standing wins!





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



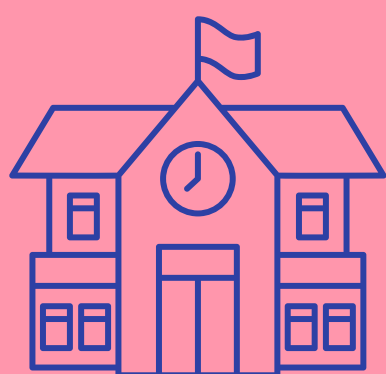
CLUB TIME

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 #3: SHARE GOD'S TRUTH

Genesis 3:1-7 (ESV)

"**1** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, **3** but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" **4** But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. **5** For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths."





3 OBSTACLES TO SHARING GOD'S TRUTH

Isolation

The enemy led Eve away from Adam before he tempted her with the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Gen. 3:1). Initially, Eve responded faithfully with the ultimate truth given to her by God: Humanity should trust in God's power and wisdom (Tree of Life) and not our own limited understanding (Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil). This truth has been expanded for us as New Testament Christians. We are born into sin because Adam and Eve ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and our relationship with God can only be restored through placing our faith in Jesus who sacrificed Himself on the Tree of Life (the cross). We have been designed to share this Gospel truth with others. When we try to do life alone, it is far easier to confuse truth and lies!

Interpretation

Rather than combatting Eve's faithful declaration of truth, the enemy caused her to question God's command and intentions (Gen. 3:1). In the same way, we will be tempted to view God's Word through the lens of the opinions of others. However, we have been called to view the world through the lens of His Word!

Infatuation

When what Eve saw became more important to her than what God said, her ability to share His truth was erased (Gen. 3:6). The enemy is skilled at convincing us to trust in what looks good rather than what God commands, so it's essential that we lean into the strength of the Holy Spirit!





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**. Obstacles to "sharing His truth (the Gospel)" include isolation, interpretation and infatuation. In order to faithfully share truth, we must stand on it!

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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