

City Nights

YOUTH.

DATE

January 7th, 2026

SERIES

Back to the Basics: Week One

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE:

God created you, and this world, for good

SCRIPTURE:

- Genesis 1

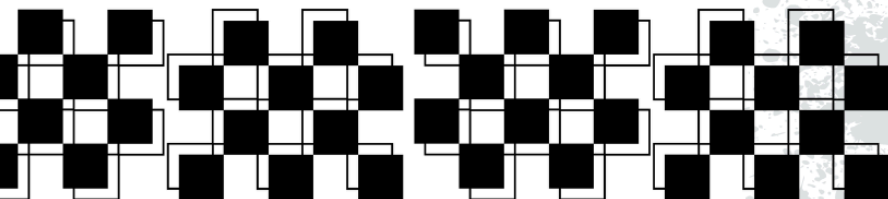
GOAL OF COMMUNITY GROUPS:

For students to understand that God has an original design for them, and that design is for their good.

THINK ABOUT THIS:

As a leader, focus on helping students see that God intentionally created the world to be good. Guide them through Genesis 1 and emphasize that God's goodness is evident in everything He made—from light and land to animals and humanity. Encourage students to notice how God's design reflects order, purpose, and care. Use discussion questions to help them reflect on the ways they experience God's goodness in their own lives and the world around them.

Encourage application by challenging students to reflect God's goodness in their actions. Talk about what it means to live as God's image-bearers, treating others and creation with care and respect. Emphasize that even when the world feels messy, God's original design reminds us that goodness is His intent. Lead the group in considering practical ways they can honor God's good creation this week.



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This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. The goal is to get students verbally engaging, NOT to get through everything in the curriculum.

DURING COMMUNITY GROUP

HIGH/LOWS & OPENING

Begin with highs & lows from their week after they introduce each other. Really take this time to listen and ask questions to show you are interested in their lives.

ICEBREAKER:

What's something that you think is underrated?

SCRIPTURE/VIDEO DISCUSSION:

(Some groups may watch the video to begin Group time and then break off into their smaller groups, and that's okay)

DISCUSS THIS

1. What stands out to you about how God created the world in Genesis 1? Why do you think He called it "good" after each step?
2. How does knowing that God created the world to be good affect the way you see your life and the world around you?
3. What are some ways you see God's goodness reflected in nature, people, or your daily life?
4. If God's creation was meant to be good, how should that influence the way we treat others and the environment?
5. Can you think of a time when you felt connected to God's goodness? How did it affect your perspective or actions?
6. God created humans in His image. What does that mean for how we live and make decisions?
7. How does God's original design for goodness give hope, even when the world feels messy or unfair?

