



I Know a Guy | 1-29-25

LARGE GROUP GAME: We won't start with a game tonight. At 6:05, everyone will be dismissed to their groups. At the end of small group time, there will be a game to be played as a small group.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (45 minutes)

Intro

This past Sunday, we kicked off a new series called I Know A Guy (that guy being Jesus). This series will look at the characteristics of Jesus. Tonight, we're talking about how he makes friends easily.

1. Before you begin, pray this as a group: *"Jesus, we want to know you more. Open our ears and hearts to who you are and what you have to say. Amen."*
2. Who is someone you know that makes friends easily? Why do you think they do?
3. On a scale of 1-10, how easy is it for you to make friends? Why did you choose that number?
4. What are some things that stand in people's way of making friends? (For example, they get nervous to talk to new people.)

He Makes Friends Easily

Jesus made friends easily because he was welcoming and caring. People of all kinds were drawn to him because of his friendliness and wisdom. Because of this, he was able to form deep relationships with those he encountered.

1. Read John 15:12-15.
 - a. What does it mean to be called someone's friend?
 - b. What do you think it means to "lay down one's life for one's friends?"
 - c. In your own words, what is Jesus saying in verses 14 and 15? How does this relate to him making friends easily?
2. Take a moment to reflect on and think about the friendships in your life.
 - a. What does it mean when someone says they have a "deep" friendship or relationship?
 - b. How many "deep" friendships/relationships would you say you have?
 - c. What is one way you can deepen your friendship with someone this week?

JOHN 15:12-15

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

HIGH/LOW/GOD THING (15 minutes)

Depending on group size, you might split into even smaller (shepherding) groups for this. Have each student go around and identify a highlight of their week, a low point from their week and where they have seen God show up in their week. This time is to help them see God around them, to celebrate when something goes well and for them to be supported when they have had a rough week. If you're short on time, let them choose one of those three to share.

PRAY

Encourage one student to pray for the group, specifically that each member would strive to be a reflection of Jesus in their friendships and relationships the rest of the week.

SMALL GROUP GAME: Escape Team

1. Divide into groups of no more than 8.
2. Have one person in each group download the app "Escape Team."
3. Once it's downloaded, open the app and select "Mission 0: Training Mission." Make sure the volume is turned up!
4. Give each group the print outs for the escape mission.
5. Instructions will be given to you via the phone, so pay attention to it!
6. Once you've entered all three codes and completed the escape mission, you are finished.
7. DO NOT go into the gym until 7:15.