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A WORD TO YOUTH LEADERS

Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." John 20:21

Spreading His Gospel message and making disciples who make disciples is THE Cause Jesus has called all of us to—including your students.

As a youth leader, there's nothing more exciting and rewarding in youth ministry than seeing students reaching students with the hope of Jesus! Students can take the Gospel farther and faster than you or I ever can into their circles of influence—at their schools, on their social media platforms, and in their families. As their youth leader, you have the exciting privilege and awesome responsibility of helping them learn how to relationally share their faith with their friends.

Full Circle is designed to help you do just that!

THE CAUSE CIRCLE: PRAYER, CARE, SHARE

Throughout His public life and ministry, Jesus lived out a continuous pattern of "Prayer, Care, and Share" with those He was trying to reach. Jesus often went off to be alone and spend time in prayer. His care for the needs of those He encountered—helping and healing their physical, emotional, and relational needs—fills the Gospels. His prayer and care for people laid a foundation that helped them open up, so He could more effectively share His message. At Dare 2 Share, we refer to this Prayer, Care, Share approach as THE Cause Circle.

Using Luke 5:15-26, Full Circle explores how Jesus modeled Prayer, Care, Share. Each lesson unpacks insights and practical tools to help your students incorporate these principles as they reach out to their own circle of friends with the Gospel. But we're to be about more than "conversions." As eternally important as the moment of trusting Christ is, Jesus calls all of us—including our students—to do more than convert souls. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus says, "go and make disciples...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." It's not just about bringing people into a relationship with God. It's also about helping these new believers come "full circle" so they, too, become disciples who make disciples.

My prayer is that *Full Circle* will help your group become an exciting, growing, dynamic Gospel Advancing Ministry, in which every student is motivated and mobilized to make disciples who make disciples.

Greg Stier
Founder, Dare 2 Share

HOW TO USE THIS CURRICULUM

Full Circle is designed to challenge and equip your students to be both more relational and more intentional when reaching out to their friends with the Gospel. This four-lesson curriculum is suitable for midweek youth group meetings, small groups, Sunday mornings, or retreat settings.

What's included?

The Full Circle download folder includes the following:

- · Leader's Guide
- Videos [Note: There are no extra video files for Lesson 2]:
 - Full Circle
 - A 4-Minute Crash Course in Sharing Your Faith
 - Life in 6 Words app tutorial
- Screen graphics

PREPARING EACH WEEK'S LESSON

Start each preparation time with prayer. Then grab your Leader's Guide. As you read through the guide, note that the words in bold provide a sample spoken script, while the nonbolded words provide logistical directions or answer cues for you. For your convenience, you have permission to make copies of the Leader's Guide, videos, and Lesson 1 and Lesson 2 student handouts for use within your own church.

The structure for each lesson is as follows:

- **HEADS UP** offers a big-picture overview.
- GEAR UP provides a supply list.
- WARM UP launches your gathering with a fun opening activity.
- FUEL UP unpacks the Scripture passage.
- **STEP UP** delivers practical faith-sharing insights or tools and challenges students with a practical application for the coming week; it also includes a Gospel presentation and an invitation to trust Christ.
- **CIRCLE UP** rallies your group around THE Cause of making disciples who make disciples and sends them out on mission to live out the Prayer, Care, Share approach to passing their faith along to their friends.

CUSTOMIZING YOUR LESSONS

You understand your group best and know what will (and won't) work. Treat this Leader's Guide as a springboard to a more tailored experience. Follow the Holy Spirit's leading during your discussions, and stay flexible and willing to adjust to whatever's going on. However, don't shy away from the weekly "Step Up" challenges that nudge your students out of their comfort zone. And if you'd like, you can customize the editable slides in the Screen Graphics subfolder and incorporate them into your lessons.

WEEK1: THECAUSE CIRCLE

► HEADS UP

KEY IDEA

Jesus is calling *you* to share His Gospel message with others. THE Cause Circle—with its Prayer, Care, Share approach to sharing your faith—can help you be both more relational and more intentional about reaching out to your friends with the Gospel.

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Luke 19:10
- John 20:21
- Matthew 28:19-20
- Luke 5:15-26

GEAR UP

- AV equipment
- Full Circle video
- What 2 Share videos (via QR code)
- Bibles
- · Whiteboard or flip chart; markers
- Copies of the "My Cause Circle" cards at the end of this lesson—two cards per student; or have everyone use the *Life in 6 Words* app instead (QR code on page 41 of this guide)
- Pens/pencils/markers



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