



# SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

SHAMELESS | WEEK 1

## BOTTOM LINE

LISTEN TO THE ONE WHO LOVES YOU.

### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

TO HELP STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THAT GOD LOVES THEM AS THEY ARE, NOT AS THE WAY THEY THINK THEY SHOULD BE.

### SCRIPTURE

JOHN 3:16

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

### FROM THE TENSION

1. What are some things you typically say to yourself when you slip up or mess up?
2. Why do many people feel shame at church?
3. Why is it that our first instinct is to walk away from God when we mess up?

### FROM THE TRUTH

4. Why is it harmful to assume that God sees you the same way YOU see you?
5. Nicodemus asked Jesus what it takes to be "in" with God. How do you think most people would answer that question?
6. How would it change your view of God if you believed He "so loved" you as much as He "so loved" the world?

### FROM THE APPLICATION

7. Why is it easier to listen to shame than it is to listen to Jesus when we mess up?
8. Shame is always more powerful when we keep it to ourselves. Who is someone that you can talk to when you've messed up that will remind you to listen to Jesus?

### NEXT STEP

Leaders, text the group John 3:16 some time this week and remind them to Listen to the One who loves them.