



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

THROUGH THE DARKNESS | WEEK 3

BOTTOM LINE

NOTHING CAN PULL YOU FROM A GOD WHO LOVES YOU.

SCRIPTURE

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all. (Romans 8:31-32a NIV).

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38-39 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students know that *nothing* can separate them from God's love; He will never leave them, and He will always be with them . . . especially in the middle of a tragedy.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders — When dealing with death, remembering is a great way to grieve. Ask students to tell you their favorite stories about the person who passed. Or ask them what they liked about that person.

SAY THIS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you see a tragedy, what types of fear does it bring up in you?
2. Why is it easy to blame God when tragedy happens? (Leaders, allow students to be honest without feeling like you have to give answers.)
3. Why does tragedy make you feel separated from God?
4. How can you know that God is for you?
5. How does knowing that God is for you help you face dark times differently?
6. What's one thing that could potentially pull you away from God when you experience pain?
7. An anchor keeps a boat from drifting in a storm. What's an anchor you can hold on to when tragedy strikes?

TRY THIS

Leaders — Encourage your students to memorize the verse we provided for this week.