



Net Group Discussion Guide: Week Four

Short Term 12

INTRODUCTION

This week's movie message was based on an independent film entitled Short Term 12. The focus of the message itself was on being real with others and allowing others to be real with us. Ryan also discussed the importance of being patient, as lasting change often takes time.

GETTING STARTED

What experience have your group members had with foster care?

THINKING THROUGH IT

- Helping in a group home setting is a long play. The fruit of your labor isn't often seen until years later, if at all. Where in your own life have you given without seeing a return?
- How have those experiences changed you?
- Sometimes not seeing a return on our investment into others can cause us to pull away. What value do you see in staying open and real with others even when it doesn't seem to be helping?
- Ryan quoted a line from a book entitled A Series of Unfortunate Events: Bad Beginnings. "Sometimes, just saying that you hate something, and having someone agree with you, can make you feel better about a terrible situation." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? Give examples from your own life where you've seen this play out.
- Sharing our scars with others is a good way of connecting with the hurts others are experiencing. What scars do you carry that have been most helpful in reaching others?
- Watch the scene under week four at netchurch.cc/atm. Discuss the influence Grace's presence and the cards from the other foster care kids had on Jaden. How does this scene speak to you? What message might God want us to get from it?
- Read Ephesians 4:16. Near the end of the message, Ryan said, "Change happens slowly over time, as one person over a long stretch of time, or numerous people at various times, each do their own part to make a difference." How does this statement relate to the verse above?
- What do you believe God is saying to you through this message and time of discussion?

NEXT STEPS

- Take a few minutes to ensure you have everything ready to take part in your group's outreach project. Don't forget to take pictures and videos of your group during the event. Be sure to fill out the outreach project form at netchurch.cc/atm. You can also submit the footage you take within this form. Please do so, as we would like to include your project when we celebrate all we have been able to do as a church to make a difference in our community!