

Youth



✔ Prepare in Advance

- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

✔ Role Models

Play the "Surf's Up" clip.

Use these questions to facilitate the discussion.

- Who is the strongest role model in your life? What have they taught you?
- Would your life be any different without those life lessons? Have you ever taught those lessons to others?
Show the "Game Time" clip.
- Do you think there is such a thing as bad role models? Why would we look up to people who lead us in the wrong directions?
- What should a Christian role model look like?
- Have you ever considered yourself a role model to others? What responsibility does that have?

✔ Actions

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10.

Watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session.

- What has the church at Thessalonica done well? Do you think it is a good thing for a church to be prosecuted? Why or why not?
- How do a Christian's actions speak louder than their words? Have you ever known someone who lived a better sermon than they ever preached? How has their model impacted you?

✔ Difference

- How does your church look different from your community?
- How do the Christians in your youth group stand out at your school?
- Do you think most Christians live their lives different from the rest of the world? Why or why not?
- Is Christianity so ingrained in our culture that there is no reason to live differently? What are some areas we should be living differently? How would it change the world if we did so?

- How could we live our lives differently in each of these situations?

What we buy

How we spend our time

The causes we support

The people we hang out with

The respect we give authorities

How we use phones and computers

Movies and TV shows we watch

Music we listen to

- If someone were to look at your life, without ever hearing you speak, would they know that you were a Christian? Why or why not?

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