What on Earth Am I Here For: Week Three (Planned For His Pleasure)

19:00 - 19:15: Team Prayer

19:15 - 19:45: Games/Chill Time

19:45 - 19:55: Welcome, Prayer, Announcements

19:55 - 20:10: Games

20:10 - 20:30: Praise and Worship

20:30 - 20:45: Preach

20:45 - 21:00: Small Groups

21:00 - 21:30: Refreshments, Chill, and Connect

Team Prayer: Pray for the event, and the teenagers.

Chill/Connect: Non-structured time to connect with teens.

Welcome: Welcome to regulars and newcomers.

Prayer: Let’s open our meeting in prayer.

Announcements: (1) Next Friday the topic is “You Matter to Him” (2) On Sunday Mornings we are doing the What On Earth Am I Here For Series. (3) Follow us on Social Media (4) Join our Encounter youth WhatsApp Group (5) Revival Youth Night: On the 8th of March we will have revival youth night in the auditorium, invite your friends!

Games: (1) Dodgeball (2) Cake Dressing: In groups decorate the cake. The best decorated Cake wins!

Praise and Worship: (1) Let’s Go - PlanetShakers (2) Mvini - We Will Worship

Preach: Did you know that we were created for God’s pleasure, we were created to make Him happy.

When God created us, He made us to look and think like Him so that we could be His friends.

I am reading the book of devotions that go with this campaign that we’re working on, and one of the things it says in there is that God created us to be His friends and He smiles when we love and trust Him. I just thought that was so cool, that we could be God’s friends and that we can make Him smile. It made me smile thinking of the fact that we are able to put a smile on the face of Jesus, a smile on the face of the Lord, that’s quite something! God created us for more than just living on earth, more than just getting a job one day and having a family, more than just doing things right and succeeding. He created us to enjoy this world and to be enjoyed by Him. Think about it, if you create something that’s amazing, a project or a DIY thing, a picture, a song, something like that, and you finish it and it’s exactly what you wanted it to be, you are going to feel happy right and enjoy your creation? Well it’s the same with God. He created us out of His imagination, to look and be like Him, to walk on the earth He created, and to enjoy and discover the depths of what He’d done. You know, when He had finished creating, He looked on all He had done and said that it was good. He was satisfied and happy, ready to enjoy His world and His children.

Life means so much more than just getting a Job one day. Life means so much more than having the perfect family Life means so much more than being the most popular or getting everything we have on our wish list for life. And if we truly understand that life is about making Jesus happy, making Him smile, then we’ll be able to look at life from a completely different perspective and enjoy it so much more. Our lives were created to be enjoyed by God and so if we live to make Him proud and live to make Him happy and smile, then we will feel complete because we will be doing what we were created to achieve.

What would change if life was all about making Jesus happy, making God smile. Would your friends change, would your attitude change, would your dreams and ambitions change, would your perspective and ideas on life change. I think so... and I think, that seeing as He is the only one that could give you life, the one that dreamed you up and breathed you into existence, the least we can do is make sure the lives He gave us are ones that make Him smile...

So, we’re just going to give you each a piece of paper now and I want you to draw a big smile on it  
And then ask God, what about me makes You smile, what about me makes You happy? And write that down Then I want You to ask God, what needs to change in my life for it to be a life that makes You proud, a life that makes you smile and makes You glad?

You guys have about 10 minutes and then we’ll go into small groups

Small Groups: (1) What was your best part of tonight? (2) If you surrender, or give all of your life to God to make Him happy, what do you think you will gain in return? (3) What do you think this verse says about a life that is lived in friendship with God? “Friendship with God is reserved for those who reverence him. With them alone he shares the secrets of his promises.” Psalm 25:14 TLB (4) How can I stay focused on God, especially when He feels distant? (5) Pray that living for God would become exciting and that you would understand how much He enjoys you.

Close in Prayer

Refreshments