

LIFE meeting 10/2/2011  
Community Building/Trust

7:15–Opening Prayer – Song or Poem TBD

“Who am I”– Casting Crowns

7:20– Stereotypes “pageant” Allison to conduct interviews

Sebastian– Business man who looks wealthy but is jobless and has been for months. Money is dwindling and he’s losing hope

Brandon– Homeless man who looks like a bum but is actually a high school grad who is backpacking through the country to learn more about people and cultures. He has a 3 million dollar trust fund and wants to make a difference in the world

Alec– Baseball player who is athletic and successful but actually hates playing and just does it to please his family. He really wants to be an actor

Nicki– Cheerleader who is always surrounded by friends but is actually really lonely and feels ‘worthless’

Debrief: Not everything is as it seems. First impressions are not always true and we should not judge other based on stereotypes or experiences. We are all children of God. Discussion in large group.

7:30– “Walk the Line”

Split the room into thirds by putting masking tape on the floor: Put signs on walls: Very Comfortable/In-Between/Extremely Uncomfortable

Brandon or Sebastian to ask questions of everyone from really easy/silly questions to more in-depth questions. Instruct students to go to the side of the room that correlates to how they feel about each question.

How comfortable are you.....

Changing a tire?

Camping by yourself?

Giving a speech to a class of 30?

Going a day without your phone?

Being seen with your parents?

Admitting you’re wrong?

Sharing your faith with your friends?

Sharing your faith with a stranger?  
Talking to a friend about a bad choice they've made?  
Going to reconciliation?  
Praying in public?  
Being judged negatively?

After last question is read, instruct everyone to go outside. As they go outside, each person is given a rock.

7:45– Bible Story

Each member reads their part and interjects with their interpretation and how it relates to them.

Students are asked to raise their rock above their shoulder as if they are about to throw it and just hold it there during these readings:

### John 8

<sup>2</sup> *At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.* <sup>3</sup> *The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group* <sup>4</sup> *and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"* <sup>6</sup> *They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.* ALEC

*But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.* <sup>7</sup> *When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."* <sup>8</sup> *Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.*

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<sup>9</sup> *At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.* <sup>10</sup> *Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"* BRANDON

<sup>11</sup> *"No one, sir," she said.*

*"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."* NICKI

Sebastian to debrief:

How does the rock feel in your hand?  
What did the tiredness of your arm mean to you?  
What rocks are you already carrying?  
What does this passage say about judgment?

Give students time to think about these questions, then invite large group to answer them.

8:15 Break up into small groups

Ask people to get in line by first letter of first name. Count off to form small groups. Everyone sits with their group in large group room.

8:20 Book Covers – Students will share things on the outside cover of the “book” that are easy to tell someone they’ve just met. On the inside of the “book”, write something that is harder to share with someone they don’t know.

Nicki to give testimony/witness and share her Book Cover. She gives instructions on how to make theirs, what goes on the outside and inside, reiterate confidentiality.

8:30 Small groups move to a specific area, groups make their own book covers. Share in small groups.

8:55– Closing Prayer and Debrief–Sebastian