

# Best Weekend Ever

## Friday Night Small Group

**Bottom Line:** Put first things first

**Key Text:** Matthew 6:25, 31–33

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### In Large Group Recap

Tonight we talked about how life can feel overpacked—like a bag stuffed full of too many things. School, sports, friends, family, and worries can pile up until it feels overwhelming. But Jesus reminds us that we don't have to be consumed by all of it. Instead, He tells us to put God's kingdom first and trust that God will provide what we need.

#### Question from Stage:

If life is so busy, what should I put first?

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### Discussion Guide

#### 1. Warm-Up:

- What was something fun, surprising, or memorable from tonight?
- What's something in your life right now that fills up your "bag" (sports, homework, friendships, activities, etc.)?

#### 2. Dig Deeper:

- Why do you think we try to fit everything into our "bag" instead of leaving some things out?
- Jesus says, "Don't worry...your Father knows what you need." What do you think that means for you personally?
- What are some signs that your "bag" is getting too full? How do you usually respond when that happens?

#### 3. Apply It:

- If you were to put one thing first in your life right now, what would it be?
- What does it look like for a preteen to "put God's kingdom first"?
- How could putting God first actually help with the worries and stress you feel?

#### 4. Close in Prayer:

Invite kids to share one "worry brick" from their bag. Pray together, asking God to help each person put Him first and trust Him with the rest.