

## **Lesson Plans that Work**

### **How to Do Hard Things in Ministry: Notes for Teachers**

Pray.

Read the lesson plans thoroughly before beginning your time with the young people.

Allow the other adults prior access to the curriculum.

Consider a pre-meeting with your adults to help create a welcoming and safe environment for everyone.

Tell parents/guardians that you will be studying some difficult themes with their middle schooler/high schooler.

These lesson plans can make people uncomfortable if real work is being done. The discussions that this curriculum encourages are not supposed to be easy. Feeling safe while feeling vulnerable is important.

Do not put anyone on the spot, this is especially true for people of color and/or underrepresented people in the group. They are not the teachers. While they may be grateful that these discussions are finally happening, it can still be uncomfortable for them.

Allow room for learning and growth in a safe environment.

Consider leaving space at the end to talk about how the participants felt about the conversation itself.

Thank you for having the courage to work with young people during such an important time.

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