

A LifeNight on Apologetics & Ecumenism

Setup/Cleanup Teams – See the LinkTree for the Checklists!

- **Setup/Check-In Team: Stephen & Lourdes** Come early to help set up the downstairs dining area and games and check teens in; ideally at 5:30PM.
- **Cleanup Team: John & Casey (Upstairs), Jack & Mark (Downstairs)** – Stay behind to clean up after dismissal. **Brooke** will set aside a dessert for you!

Schedule

6:30 PM – Teens Begin to Arrive:

Stephen & Lourdes sit at sign-in to greet the teens, make nametags, & watch the gate.

6:35 PM – Dinner

Junior Missionary Teen says the meal prayer. **Clean up at 6:55 PM.**

7:00 PM – Head Upstairs to the Bailey Center!

7:05PM – Game: Murder in the Dark! (15 minutes): Flavio explains the game. **2 Junior Missionaries** are the “murderers.” We will shut off the lights in the Bailey Center theatre and wander around. The “murderers” will tap victims twice on the shoulder to “kill” them. When they die, the victims act dramatic, so we know they were killed. We will then meet as a town hall in the Bailey Center theatre to figure out who the killer is. The game is over when we find the killer.

7:20 PM – Song of Praise: *(To Whom Shall We Go?)*:

Stephen runs slides. **Chris** hits the lights. **Flavio** leads a song of praise.

7:25 PM – Teen Witness *(Marcus Rose)*

7:30 PM – Talk *(John Carlin)*

7:40 PM – Small Group Discussion:

Chris & Mary will divide small groups while the talk is going on. He will then come up to divide everyone as needed. **Chris & Mary** will make small groups that will remain consistent for the semester! You are free to go anywhere in the building and even outside by Fatima and St. John Bosco, but **be back by 8:05!**

8:05 PM – Closing Prayer (Lectio Divina – Joshua 1:8-9):

Flavio leads the group in a closing Lectio Divina. **Mark & Casey** will pass out paper slips with the passage on it, which can be found on the Blue Cart.

8:15 PM – Announcements:

Flavio advertises ASCEND and Fall Retreat! We also have LifeTeen next week!

8:20 PM – Final Blessing / Dessert / Teens Hang Out and Vibe

8:30 PM – CORE and JCORE Cleanup / Parent Pickup

Small Group Discussion (Post-Talk)

Please Note: You are not married to these questions below. They are a great starting point & lead to good discussion, but if the Holy Spirit leads the discussion in another direction, go there! Trust Him!

1. Think of a time when someone challenged your faith or asked you a tough question about it. What did you say, and looking back, is there anything you'd say differently now?
2. Apologetics isn't about winning arguments; it's about helping people see the truth and love behind what we believe. What's the difference between "proving someone wrong" and actually helping their faith grow?
3. What's one question about God, the Church, or the Bible that you've always wanted a real answer to but never asked out loud?
4. What are some things Christians of different denominations already agree on? Why is it easier to notice our differences than our common ground?
5. What's one small, practical way you could build a relationship with Christians from another church or tradition?