

## live4HIM

### **THE GOAL:**

It's the 2<sup>nd</sup> Training Week of the year and we're adding another resource (tool) to our faith conversation that helps us tell our friends about God's love for us and our need to have a personal relationship with Him through Jesus. Last month we covered how powerful our story can be as we discuss with a friend what God can and wants to do in their life.

The **live4HIM** wrist band is our gift to you as a reminder of God's greatest gift to us. When we consider all that we have in Him, it's going to impact how we live our lives around our friends. Wearing the band may be one of the best opportunities to explain why you **live4HIM** when a friend asks you its meaning.

### **GEAR UP:**

We're going to focus on one (major) verse in the Bible as an outline for describing why we live4HIM. If you don't know it already then learn it now...memorize it...its awesome! *"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16 (English Standard Version). In your own words answer the questions (on the back of this training guide) and discuss in your small group.

**L is for LOVE** - *"For God loved the world (that includes me) so much..."*

Describe who God is...His character...His power...His authority:

Describe who we are...our faults...our shortcomings...our sinful nature:

What kind of love does it take to bridge that kind of gap?

**I is for INNOCENT** - *"...that he gave His one and only Son,..."*

Gave = gift...so are gifts earned? How do gifts reflect the heart of the giver?

One and only Son = Unique, unlike any other...for a specific purpose. Jesus lived a sinless life so that His sacrifice would cover the guilt of all. When did I first realize that I had a 'sin debt' (death) I could not pay?

Only the spilling of **innocent** blood can cover the required 'sin debt' that had to be paid. Nothing else would be sufficient for all mankind. How amazing is this gift and how special does it make me feel?

**V is for VICTORY** - *"...so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish..."*

Believes in Him = trust that what He accomplished is enough and acknowledge His claimed authority in my life. So what does it mean to trust, what does He demand to be in my life?

Will not perish = I know that no matter what I face in life I don't face it alone; the God of the universe will see me through...and I will ultimately witness His **victory** in and through me. Explain the comfort and hope this gives you:

**E is for ETERNAL** - *"...but have eternal life."*

**Eternal** life = forever in the presence of God. How long is forever? Is it worth living for Him in this life? Why?

What kind of experience is promised to those who have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ when they breathe their final breath?

### **GO FOR IT:**

So, when asked, *"hey, why are wearing that red band"* you can say *"it reminds me of God's amazing **LOVE**, of the awesome gift of **INNOCENT** blood that was shed to pay my sin debt, of the **VICTORY** I have in this present life because of my faith in Jesus Christ and of the promise of **ETERNAL** life with God...and because of all of that and more, I want to - LIVE 4 HIM!!!"*

**WARNING: DO NOT WEAR THE BAND IF YOU ARE NOT PREPARED TO ANSWER THE QUESTION. DO NOT WEAR THE BAND IF YOU ARE NOT PREPARED TO LIVE THE LIFE!**