

HALF TRUTHS

God Helps Those Who Help Themselves

WARM UP

What grade school accomplishment are you still proud of?

SET IT UP

A half-truth can be dangerous because it has enough truth to make it sound believable and enough error to mess up your life if you really buy into it. When the going gets tough we sometimes think: "God helps those who help themselves." But what if it's not entirely true?

CHAT IT UP

1. **How do you typically respond when someone tells you that you cannot accomplish something?**
2. **Have you ever felt helpless? When?**
3. **Read Ezekiel 16:49-50. These are strong words! For what were the people being condemned?** (Answer: For apathy toward the helpless even though they were wealthy.)
4. **What does this tell us about what really matters to God?**
5. **Do we typically think of helping the neglected and forgotten as non-negotiable or optional? Why do you think that is?**
6. **Let's make a list of all the different ways we can be a blessing to others. Be creative.** (Examples: Smiling, holding the door, building a friendship, donations, sharing the message of grace, etc.)
7. **What needs do you see in our community? Where can we get involved?**

WRAP IT UP

God wants us to help those who cannot help themselves. Besides, that's what God did with us!

LEADER TIPS

- The goal of group discussion is application. It's not enough to *know*, we want to *do*. Think about using this discussion to launch a conversation about where you can serve in your community as a group.