

Outsider

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Identity

(10–15 minutes)

Have the youth create a collage (collection of images) that represents the type of group their friends would most like to belong to. Allow the students seven to eight minutes. As an alternative, you may simply have the group create a list.

On the back of the collage, have the youth write briefly about their collage and any insights they gained by putting it together. What qualities were they trying to portray? Invite several students to show their collage and talk about their reflections. Ask:

- Did anyone put things that represent qualities his or her friends already have?
- Why do people want to be different than they are?

Never Alone

(15–20 minutes)

Refer everyone to page 15 of the bookzine. Have someone read aloud today's Scripture: **1 Corinthians 7:22-24** (NRSV). Ask the group to silently read the version of the Scripture from *The Message* (page 16 of the bookzine). Ask:

- What do you think verse 22 means? Put it in your own words. (*Your belonging to God and your ability to do God's work has nothing to do with your social status or external conditions.*)
- Verse 23 says that you were bought at a price. What was the price that was paid for you? Consequently, how much are we worth?
- What does it mean to belong to God?
- If we belong to God, why, do you think, do we keep looking for other places to belong or find our value?

Show the video. Give the youth a few minutes of silence to write down their thoughts.

Invite volunteers to describe the various scenes in order. Ask:

- What do you think was going on inside the girl's head? What was driving her to try the various things?
- What in real life do you observe or experience with other youth that resembles this story?
- What connections do you see between this vignette and the Scripture?
- What kind of "human masters" can youth easily become slaves to?

Ask the group to reflect on the song "Never Alone" by the Barlow Girls, on the DVD. You may need to play it again. Ask:

- Where do you see connections between the song and the Scripture?
- What keeps us from living as though we belong to God? How does knowing we belong to God free us?

Supplies

- several magazines of various types (sports, fashion, entertainment, news)
- scissors
- glue sticks or tape
- paper
- pens and pencils



Alternative Plan

Supplies

- Bibles
- bookzines
- paper or notecards
- pens and pencils
- *Veracity Video Vignettes, Vol. 2* ("Outsider")
- DVD player and monitor