

# 14:6 Ministries

## I.D. Week 1 I Am Somebody

### VIDEOS

#### Joe Somebody

Counter Start: 19.25    Counter Stop: 21.04

In this scene, Joe has a conversation on the phone with his daughter. In this conversation, he reveals to her that he feels insignificant and unimportant. This is the first conversation that they have had since Joe was humiliated by a co-worker in front of his daughter at work. This clip relates to the lesson in dealing with feelings of insignificance.

### PROMOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Create black stickers or buttons that say in bold white print "HIS IMAGE". This can be done cheaply with any kind of publishing software and/or a button maker that you may have at your church.

### ROOM DECORATIONS

Find posters and pictures of important historical and social figures in American History. Hang them throughout your room for this week's lesson. Make sure to include plenty of celebrities, athletes, politicians and statesmen from the past and present.

### GAMES

See "Games Section" for game choices

### LESSON

#### Objectives

Main overall objective of 12 week study: to help students realize who they are in Christ and how to stay close to Him.

The lesson's objective: to help students realize they are someone created in the image of our loving God.

## Overview

We start this 12 week study with a lesson about having a purpose and being a somebody in the eyes of God. We will look at creation where God created each of us in His image. Isn't that incredible? He loves us that much! Students today need to learn they do have a purpose, they are important and that God wants to do some incredible, intense things through them. This could be the generation that ushers Jesus back. Let's begin by looking at the fact that we all have a human identity.

### Opening Illustration:

You want to talk about babies. Describe how intricate they are and how everything has to be just perfect to work out well. You want to describe how when they are infants and elementary age, they are completely dependent on their parents. From the start, we were all in the same boat.

#### 1) The devil wants you to think that you are a nobody, useless with no purpose.

Because infants are small, fragile, and completely dependent on their parents, does that mean they are a nobody, useless or have no purpose in life? Absolutely not!!!! They just haven't matured yet. So it is with us as Christians. The devil's job is to make you doubt yourself. He loves to make people feel less than what we really are and confuse the snot out of them.

That is what the devil did to Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden isn't it? Look at Genesis 3:1-7. The devil came at Eve from the angle that appealed to her human nature. Eve began to doubt if God really said what she thought He said. Then the devil makes a statement that Eve thought would be great. The devil said in verse 5 that Eve "would be like God knowing good from evil". Who wouldn't want to be like God? But, the devil's temptation was not only to be like God, but to eat a piece of fruit from the very tree God had said not to eat from. The devil tricked Eve into thinking she was a nobody and useless. She fell into the thinking that she needed to be like God in order to be fulfilled in her life. Isn't that why the devil got ousted from heaven? (HA!)

The funny thing about this is that Eve was already like God. Genesis 1:27 says that God created man and woman in His image!

#### 2) God has already gone out of His way to let you know you are a somebody, useful with a great purpose in life.

Think about it: of all of the ways God could have created us, why like Him? Why the way we are? Because He loves us that much. He has given to each of us the ability to think, choose, love, hate, create, imagine, grow. What an honor to be made in the image of God our King!

We all have a human nature. We all struggle with things in our life. We all are humans. We have to eat and drink to stay alive. We have to pay taxes! But, we all have an identity. We are like God! You see, when it comes to God you are a somebody. He has already paved the way for you and Him to be together forever. Even though your human nature may tell you that you are a nobody, God has made you a somebody!

You are also useful. Sometimes this world makes us feel as if we are useless and that we can accomplish nothing. Ever felt like that? I have. But, if you will only give your complete heart to God, through Him, you will do great things for God's kingdom. One of the greatest things is to be used by God and realize you are important. God has some day to day tasks He is counting on you to do for Him.

You also have a purpose for your life. Your purpose is simple really: to take as many with you to heaven. Your life is not meaningless or aimless. With God, things will never be clearer for you. Try it, you'll see that God is real and is willing to lead you.

### **Closing Thoughts:**

Close by referring back to the baby ideas in the opening. Make sure they know that they cannot stay a baby forever. They must grow and be stretched. And as they grow, they realize they are somebody, they are useful and they have a purpose in life.

### **PROMOTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Buy a variety of 20oz bottles of pop. Peel the labels off of them and place them all in a cooler. Have the cooler available so that it is one of the first things the students see when they walk into the room. Place a sign on or above the cooler that reads "WHAT'S ON THE INSIDE?" Let the students each pick a bottle that they can drink during the lesson. Make sure to get a variety of pop, some good, and some bad. Do this with the intention of explaining the significance of how God is looking for the inside, not at the label. If you want to spend less money, buy a variety of 2 liters, peel off the labels and place them before the students on a table with cups (filled with ice). Ask them to pick a drink before youth group starts.

## SKIT

### I AM SOMEBODY

Characters: 5

Todd (thinks he is the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Lebron James), Janet (school yard nerd now successful law student), Derek (his girlfriend is his life), Megan (has an eating disorder), and Jesus

*(As the scene begins, Todd is standing center stage, basketball in hand and is here to tell you all about himself)*

**TODD:** *(smak)* What even makes you think you can get with this?! Who do you think you're dealing with anyway? This is Todd Beasley... don't forget it either, cause someday when Todd is in the game, and you see Todd on TV, you're gonna say, I wish I would've given props to Todd, cause his game is tight! Got it? Todd is gonna be an NBA first round pick! You're gonna wish you were in with Todd too. Don't be disrespecting Todd, and don't be a leach either...just because you had the honor of being in Todd's presence today doesn't mean that he's gonna let you ride in his H2. Everyone knows that Todd is somebody! Just to make sure that you don't forget it, Todd is going to get a new tattoo...that's right, Big Bold Black calligraphy "T-O-D-D"... that way when Todd is in the game and Todd is money as always, people will look at Todd's Tattoo and say you see that TATTOO, that TATTOO is tight! Todd's game is on fire! You can't even hang wif him...Todd IS somebody!

*(Todd walks over and stops stage right. He stands there silent as Janet enters in stage left, stands center stage holding some books and a pen)*

**JANET:** *(strongly confident)* You don't remember me...do you? I know it's been awhile since you've last seen me. I bet you have never thought about wanting anything to do with me... although I am sure you may want to now. Still don't remember me? Let me help you out. We were in 7<sup>th</sup> grade together...and well every other kid went with nicknames like "slick, hottie, and hoops"... mine was Jan-IT. Yeah that's right, its me Janet...the skinny, big glasses, nerd who no one liked so they all called me Jan-IT. I guess to you it was pretty funny then. It was pretty funny to the jocks, the preps, all the girly girl cheerleaders. It wasn't funny to me. You all thought that I was just a big dork. But you know what I think is funny: although you found it pretty gratifying make fun of me because of the way I looked, and the grades that I got, as well as the lack of friends that I had, I am now finding it pretty gratifying to observe your pathetic life as an adult. While you are still repeating your sophomore year of college for the 9<sup>th</sup> time, I am now finishing law school and joining a major law firm. That means, I have a life. I will have a nicer home than you, a better job than you, drive a nicer car than you and flat out have more money than you. You may need me to get you out of jail someday...good luck! All of you "cool kids" thought you were what it was all about, but guess what: all those dorks you picked on in school are living real lives today... who's the loser now? Not me. I AM somebody!

*(Janet joins Todd stage right. They are silent as they watch Derek enter stage left, comes to center stage)*

**DEREK:** *(passionately)* I love my girlfriend Ashley so much! She is everything to me; my life...my reason for living. She makes me complete. She is the reason that I get up in the morning and have the strength to make it through the day. You see, all the other things and people in this world have failed me, but Ashley, she never has and I know that she never will. There was a time in my life when I felt so lonely, so empty, like I was nobody. My parents couldn't understand me, and still don't. My teachers don't have a clue, and my friends...there is only so much that they can do for me. But then Ashley came along. When we first met, it was like our eyes just locked and it was fate. There is nothing on this earth that I would not do for her. I am tired of people telling us that we're too young to be this serious...her dad, when is going to shut up about it!? Hasn't he ever been in love? Look, it doesn't matter what people, even him, have to say. Yes, we are in high school...yes, we have a very physical relationship...But ***I Love*** her! She makes my life worth living! I can honestly tell you that I don't know what I would do if she was not in my life. I mean if anything ever happened to her, I wouldn't be able to go on...I wouldn't be able to live! I am NOTHING without her...She makes ME somebody!

*(Derek joins the others stage right as Megan enters stage left, comes center stage with something to say)*

**MEGAN:** *(timid, frightened)* I want so badly to be somebody thin. Nothing I do works... and I know that starving myself isn't healthy, so don't lecture me! No matter how hard I try, I can't keep off the weight. I see how fat girls get treated...no one ever asks them out, guys don't talk about them. But I hear how they talk about their favorite models, actresses and girls at school who are "hot". I just want them to see me the same way. I just want to be somebody...

*(at this time Jesus walks in from stage right stands center stage behind Megan. There is a handwritten sign hanging around his neck. It reads "who do you say I am?". He stands behind Megan lowers his head, stretches his arms) she looks for a few moments and replies to the question)*

...I don't know... *(she exits stage right, the others ~slowly follow her out with their own replies)*

**DEREK:** *(as he looks at Jesus)* Not Ashley...

**JANET:** *(ARROGANT as she looks at Jesus)* ...its easy, you're a phony, a liar...

**TODD:** *(COCKY as he studies Jesus)* ...nobody important enough for this life...you're nobody *(Jesus remains silent, head down and arms stretched wide)*

THE END