

## asasa

1. Adjective
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I felt very [\_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_] as I walked into [name of \_\_\_\_\_ dorm \_\_\_\_\_] to lead my first ever small group. I led a [negative adjective] small group at SGLT and I dwelt on that experience all summer. This was my shot at redemption and there was no way I could do worse than that! What added to my anxiety was that Austin, my staff worker, was there to observe my small group. [Exclamation] One by one, the students who I had invited to small group, whether it was from knocking on their door or texting them all day, began [verb] and [verb]. As a nervous [noun], I started trying to make small-talk with these [adjective] students, only to hear one-worded responses to my questions. I thought to myself: "how are they going to participate in bible study if they can't even [verb] to me?" Then, it was time to begin small group. The creative entry seemed to go fine. Then, I asked them for their observations. But not only did I ask them what they observed but I asked them WHY they observed what they did - something you do during the "interpretation" segment of bible study. I didn't [verb] what I was doing until later on in small group and felt so [\_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_] in myself. After small group, I lost my [noun] and wondered if I was ever able to lead well and if these students were going to [verb].

When Austin [verb] this experience with me later that week, he told me what I did [adverb]! We also talked about my [noun] and flushed out why I made a mistake. He reassured me that my [noun] was not at stake and that I can [verb] from my mistakes. People will still come to small group and even though I experienced a failure, I WASN'T A FAILURE! My next small groups went well and I had a good mix of older core and new students. From that small group, [name of celebrity] went on to become a [leadership role] in 6pack and [name of athlete] went

on to lead a bible study with his wheelchair basketball team! I learned a lot from those first experiences as a small group. Little did I know that those moments would plant [plural noun] for me working in ministry full-time!