



Week 3

Big idea: What drives our desire for success comes from what motivates us. Oftentimes our motivations come from selfish desires; however, God wants to be the priority in our lives and change our motivations to come from Him.

Leaders, we want your students to identify who/what they run to for success. Take the first few minutes of group to give your students the response cards and have them respond on their grid. Ask each student to share what he or she wrote:

1	Identify what you're idolizing to get success.
2	Why does it make me feel good?
3	Form a "But God" statement about your answer to question 2.

"But God" statements: We want to shepherd students with God's Word and always point them back to His Word. View this [Shepherding from Scripture](#) resource to see verses about specific struggles. Ask your Students' Staff for a paper copy if needed.

Additional Discussion Questions

- Have your students identify who/what may be their "Forward thinking success" idols. meaning "When I accomplish _____, I'll feel good or better about myself."

Examples: "When I'm a starter on the varsity football team, I'll know for sure that I'm the best." "When I get married, I'll have my life more put together."

- We must be faithful with what God has given us. What gifts do you have? Are you serving others with them or using them only for yourself?

Series wrap up questions

- What tools have you learned from our Under the Surface series?
- In what areas has God opened your eyes to see more of yourself and how you need to trust Him?
- What questions do you have about identifying idols?