Youth Group Meeting 12/2 - "Apathy" Cait, Joe and Chrissy

"The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it." - Albert Einstein

## -What is Apathy?

"Lack of interest or concern, especially regarding matters of general importance or appeal; indifference." - answers.com

-Is apathy good?

-not caring what others think and therefore being yourself isn't apathy - its being self assured

-Apathy within yourself:

-Do you care about your looks? The clothes you wear, how your hair is parted?

-Do you care about your health? What you eat? Do you exercise?

-Do you care about your grades?

Overall leading to do you care about your own future? Who you hang out with is associated with what you wear, what you eat/consume effects your health in later years, your grades effect college, which effects your future jobs and financial situation.

-Small Groups - Do you care about others? (\*see the small groups sheet attached for intended questions and direction of discussion)

-Do you consider others' feelings?

-Do you care about things that aren't yours?

-text books/library books etc

-parks/community areas/churches etc

-Do you care about animals?

-Do you care about the environment?

Overall message: Apathy is something that can destroy your life, you don't care about grades, you don't get into college, you live in a box on the street? And it may be a little hippy-like of me to say, but apathy is going to destroy the world. "Oh I don't care, someone else will take care of it..."

-It does little good to just run down the street shouting "share the rent!" or "stop war!". Uttering a slogan does no good unless it arouses sympathy.

-Apathy can be reduced if there is less ignorance and less greed.

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-so to get rid of apathy you need to promote and invoke sympathy in other (or otherwise feeling which is not apathy because apathy is lack of feelings)