

# RE:TUNED

Unavoidable. Pervasive. Inescapable. Secular pop music is everywhere. Even if you can get your young Christian friends to switch their listening habits from secular to sacred, they are still going to hear the top popular songs everywhere they go. In this section we provide you some

ideas to take advantage of some of the most popular secular songs. Use the opening questions, the thematic concepts and discussion ideas to spice up your Bible study, Sunday School lesson, camp/retreat meeting or outreach event message.

Artist:

## Imagine Dragons

**Song:** Thunder

**Album:** Evolve

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### Theme

Growth, Perseverance, Change

### Teaching Point

We can grow and change past where we are.

### Opening Questions

- What were some of the things that bothered you when you were a child?
- What were some issues that you struggled with?
- What are some things that bother you today?
- What are some of the biggest issues that you struggle with today?

### Discussion

When you were a baby, you could not feed yourself. Standing or walking seemed to be a difficult task. But as you grew, things became easier. You moved from crawling to standing to walking. You learned to tie your shoes. You learned how to run.

Learning those things did not happen right away. Sometimes, even often, failure happens before success. Even then, once you learn something doesn't always mean you always get it, but you are better than you were before.

The song, "Thunder" by Imagine Dragons" talks about some of the negatives in the songwriter's past. He also talks about the change over time where he has succeeded.

This song brings up the illustration of thunder and lightning. Thunder is the sound that is made from lightning. When watching a thunderstorm, you see the lightning first and then hear the thunder later. That happens because sound travels slower than light.

In our own lives, sometimes it takes a while for us to see or measure change. Often the results we want, like power or growth, require time and perseverance.

**Ephesians 4:11-15** talks about growth and maturity. When we make time and effort with God and others, we are promised growth. How we handle life's circumstances and what we focus on will change.

### Conclusion

- What are some things that you would like to be different in your life?
- Who are some people who can help you to grow?
- According to **Ephesians 4:11-15**, what are some things you need to grow in?
- What might be some ways to experience that kind of growth?