



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK: 2

GOAL OF TONIGHT

Help students see how God's story intersects with their story and why that matters in their day-to-day life.

WELCOME & ICE BREAKER

Welcome back to small group! We want this group to grow as good friends this year, but we also want to have an "open chair" around the circle. (Leaders - have them make an actual opening for someone to sit). Let's go around the circle and share the name of someone we know who we would want to invite to be a part of our small group. (Leaders - feel free to write these down and pray for the list at the end). OR if you sense this is difficult for your group, allow them to pass and just think about this.

BIBLE VERSES

Genesis 1:1-2, 2:4-7

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS THE BIBLE VERSES

For the next two weeks we'll be trying to answer the question, "Who is God anyway?" Each week we come to Ground Zero to get to know God better, and to decide if we are going to follow him. So, we should definitely start with this question! Let's dig in to the Bible to see if we can gain some insight into who God REALLY is.

Read together Genesis 1:1-2 and answer these questions:

1. This is the very first mention of God, and who he was even before human beings were created. What are two things we can know are true about God from these verses? (leader hint: creator and eternal (without beginning or end))

2. As THE creator of everything on earth and in the heavens - what can we say might be true about God's character, or about what he's like? (creative, interesting, super smart, etc.)

Now read together Genesis 2:4-7 and answer these questions:

1. From these verses in the book of Genesis, what can we determine about God's power? What things does he have power over?

2. Think about vs.7 for a minute. God formed a man and breathed life into him. How do you think God must have felt about that man at that moment?

3. Do you think the way God felt about his creation back then is the same now? Why or why not?

To close, see if the students can create a list of one or two word answers to the question, "Who is God anyway?" based on what they studied in the Bible tonight. They can use words that describe him too. (Leader hint: Creator, artist, kind, caring, powerful, eternal, smart, personal, relational, connected, etc.)

LEADER INSIGHT

Leaders - to get through these verses and questions tonight, you'll have to keep the conversation moving. Don't be afraid to firmly lead the group with a kind tone of voice. The truths you are teaching/learning tonight are SO important to a foundation of faith - so go for it!

APPLICATION SUGGESTIONS

Encourage students that the list they came up with is TRUE. When they feel far away from God they can return to a list like this to remind them of who God really is - it will help them feel a connection to him.