



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK: 5

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 to small group. This week let's start off by sharing about a trial or issue that you have had to overcome in your life. It could be something like learning to ride a bike or water ski, understanding math, getting along with a neighbor/friend or making it through an illness or a move. Share anything like that you've experienced and how you got through it. (Leaders- you may want to start)

BIBLE VERSES

James 1:2-8

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS THE BIBLE VERSES

Tonight we are in the second week of a two week study on the topic, "How to read the Bible." Let's first review what we learned last week:

1. Does anyone remember how many books are in the Bible? (66, 39 in the OT and 27 in the NT)
2. What is the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament? (The Old Testament is the story of God BEFORE Jesus and the New Testament is the story of God AFTER Jesus came to earth).
3. We started reading the book of James last week - what information should we try to find out before reading a book of the Bible? (Who wrote the book and who are they writing to)
4. We found out that the book of James was written by James, the brother of Jesus and that he was writing to Jewish Christians. Did anyone read James chapter 1 last week, like we talked about? (celebrate if they did!)

Let's read some of it together! Read together James 1:2-4.

After you read a section of the Bible, ask yourself these questions:

1. What was the author's main point? (for James, his main point was something like "be happy when you go through trials because it will make you a better person.")
2. How does the main point apply to me? (ask them this)
3. What should I DO as a result of what I read today?

If you have time, have students read vs. 5-8 in pairs and ask the 3 questions with each other. This gives them time to practice what they will hopefully do at home.

LEADER INSIGHT

Leaders - time management is really important in today's study because we'd love for them to have time to practice this Bible reading strategy on their own at the end (see above). If you can, try to move them through the questions at a steady pace, so they have time to really learn this skill of reading the Bible, learning from it and applying it to their life.

APPLICATION SUGGESTIONS

Make a plan for reading the Bible outside of Ground Zero. Perhaps you could challenge them to read James chapter 2 and continue on with one chapter a week. Or, sign up for the Bible reading plan through EBC! eaglebrookchurch.com/blog