



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK: 23

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

Last week we began discussing prayer and came up with a cool system of how to pray. Prayer is really just a conversation with God. What are the top 3 things you usually discuss with your very best friends?

BIBLE VERSES

Matthew 6:5-6

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS THE BIBLE VERSES

Last week we read an example prayer that Jesus taught -so we would know the basics of what to talk to him about. Tonight we are going to back up a couple of verses and see HOW Jesus suggests we should approach prayer. It's pretty cool. Let's read this together:

Read Matthew 6:5-6:

1. What is a hypocrite?
2. Why do hypocrites pray on street corners, according to Jesus?
3. Does this mean we shouldn't pray in public? Why or why not?

Reread vs. 6:

4. What are Jesus step by step instructions for HOW to approach talking to him?
5. Why do you think it's important that we "close the door"?
6. Do you like this idea of praying to God by yourself? Why or why not?
7. What is one way that you could make this approach to prayer more fun or more meaningful? (Leaders - you may want to give some ideas here. They could write their prayers, draw them in a journal, get on their knees, turn on worship music. Prayer doesn't have to be boring!)

LEADER INSIGHT

A daily prayer practice can radically transform anyone's life. If every GZ student went to their rooms daily, closed the door and spent time connecting with God -we would see radical change happen. Encourage students as strongly as you can to begin this practice - and model it for them!

APPLICATION SUGGESTIONS

Suggest a daily time for everyone in your group to go to their rooms, close the door and pray. Maybe 8:30pm or something like that? You could text each other as a reminder for the next week. (this would be REALLY good for all of us!)