

WEEK: 24

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

To start tonight, have a staring contest. Pair up and start at the same time, staring at each other with no blinking. The first person to blink loses - keep going until you have one winner!

BIBLE VERSES

Psalm 139

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS THE BIBLE VERSES

Right now we are in the middle of a teaching series during large group called, Misunderstood. It's all about how we are sometimes misunderstood -even by our closest friends or family. One thing, that is important for us to know when we are feeling misunderstood is that God doesn't misunderstand us. He knows us completely. Check out Psalm 139: 1-6, and then ask these questions:

- 1. Do you know who wrote this Psalm? (show them where it says "A Psalm of David" in the Bible)
- 2. What does David say God knows about him? Why does God know that? (hint: see vs. 1)
- 3. When David is describing how well God knows him, can you tell if David LIKES this or not? What do you think David feels about God knowing him so well?
- 4. If God knows David that well, is it possible he knows us that well too? Why or why not?

In every relationship that we have - there are things we hide. (Maybe give an example from your own life, leaders). For our teaching pastor, Joelle, she sometimes hides McDonalds wrappers from her family so they don't know she goes there so much :-). But, when it comes to God - nothing in our life is hidden. Check out Psalms 139:7.

- 5. IAccording to this verse, when we are in BIG TROUBLE, is God with us?
- 6. When we are REALLY SAD or ANGRY is God with us?
- 7. When we are confused about something and don't have a clue what to do is God with us?
- 8 When we are happy and doing super well, is God with us?
- 9. How does it feel to YOU to know that God knows you SO well and is always with you?

LEADER INSIGHT

Sometimes the realization that God is always with us and knows EVERYTHING about us can be kind of alarming. Don't be surprised if your students don't jump for joy when they discover this truth. Help them by talking through how it's nice to have at least 1 person/being who knows you completely and loves you no matter what.

APPLICATION SUGGESTIONS

Have everyone think of something they have coming up in life- a test, an important game, a conversation with a friend, a concert... Give them 1-2 minutes to talk to God about that thing, knowing that God will be with them the entire time.