



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK: 25

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! It's finally springtime in Minnesota. What did you do outside in the past few days to celebrate the warm weather returning?

BIBLE VERSES

James 1:1, 5-6

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS THE BIBLE VERSES

We are going to take the last 3 weeks of small group to study the book of James together! As we study this, let's consider how we can continue this method of studying the Bible into the summer months when our small group isn't meeting weekly. We want to keep learning and growing in our faith this summer!

Let's begin by diving in.

Read James 1:1

1. From these verses, what can we discover about the book of James? Try to come up with 3 things. (hints: written by James, it's a letter, written to people who believe in Jesus).
2. If you were to write a letter to people who were new followers of Jesus, what is one thing you would want to include?

Jump down to James 1:5-6 and read that together.

3. What stands out to you as you read these two verses? In other words, what parts of this were interesting or intriguing to you?
4. What can we learn about God from these verses? (hint: he's generous, he likes loyalty...)
5. What tips or advice is James trying to give followers of Jesus in these verses?
6. What would it mean to be disloyal to God? What other things/people might we place our faith in?
7. What are some ideas that we could use to help us keep our faith in God strong, especially as we go to him for things we need?

LEADER INSIGHT

Sometimes it's difficult to figure out how to read the Bible and make sense of it. These next 3 weeks we will get some practice doing just that. Be sure to encourage students to do this on their own as well. Many of them, who went on the retreat, are trying this at home already using an FST (Faith Strength Training) method they learned at the retreat. Encourage them to continue!

APPLICATION SUGGESTIONS

If they are up for it, have them study the rest of James 1 this week on their own. You can break it up into chunks for each day if you like. James 1:9-11, 12-15, 16-18, 19-21, 22-25, 26-27.