



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK: 3

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 talked about doing something BIG and BOLD that would wow others. An act of love or service- that would show how God can use you to do great things in this world. Did anyone try this? Report back about how it went. OR share a time when you did something really nice for someone else.

BIBLE VERSES

Romans 5:3-5

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS THE BIBLE VERSES

We've been learning how fun it is to follow Jesus these past few weeks- it's like a party with a purpose. Tonight's verses help us see ANOTHER benefit of following Jesus. Read together Romans 5:3-5.

Ask:

1. Verse 3 says we can rejoice when we run into problems. Is that how you normally feel when you have a problem? Why or not?
2. What are some reasons that the author, Paul, gives for why we might see problems as a good thing?
3. Of all of the benefits of problems/trials that Paul lists in verse 3-4, which seem the best to you? Why?

In verse 5, Paul says that we can know that God loves us because he has given us the Holy Spirit.

Ask:

1. Have you heard of the Holy Spirit before? If so, what you have heard?
2. Flip over to John 14:26 and read it aloud. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit's role is in your life?
3. Why might this be helpful to you in your daily life?

Application:

1. After reading these verses together today and studying them a little, what do you think the #1 thing is we should do when we face a problem in our life?
2. What are a few things we can learn when we go through problems so that we can develop character, hope and confidence like Paul suggests? (Leaders - you may want to share a story here of something you learned from going through a problem)
3. Raise your hand (you don't have to say anything out loud) if you are facing a problem right now that you could use help with.

*Pray together for God to give direction, strength, wisdom through these trials. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide each one of them.

LEADER INSIGHT

The Holy Spirit is a difficult concept to grasp. Feel free to share with students that God is like an egg (Yolk, whites, shell). God has 3 parts (or "persons") too! Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each plays a unique role in our lives.

APPLICATION SUGGESTIONS

Some students may be willing to share the problems they are facing, encourage them to talk to you during hang time if they want or need to.