SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK: 8

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

Have you ever done something fun or stupid because your friends were WITH you? Something you would never do alone?! Maybe you ate something gross? Pulled a prank? Built a jump? Climbed something? Share a story of a time you had more courage to do something because your friends were WITH you.

BIBLE VERSES

Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 28:20

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS THE BIBLE VERSES

Read Isaiah 41:10:

Don't be afraid, for I am with you.
Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you.
I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.
Isaiah 41:10

1. What are you afraid of? Snakes? Spiders? The dark?
2. What do you think God means when he says, "I am WITH you"? Why should we not be afraid because God is with us?
3. When was the last time you felt discouraged? Why? How did you find encouragement?
4. This verse says that God will strengthen us and help us when we're afraid or discouraged. Have you ever experienced that from God? Share some examples.
5. The last part of this verse says God will "hold you up with his victorious right hand." What do you think that means? Have you ever been so paralyzed be fear and discouragement that you needed someone to hold you up? Who is that for you? How can God be the one to hold you up?

Read Matthew 28:20:

Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

1. In this verse Jesus says he will be WITH you always. Do you feel like God is always with you? What difference does that make in your every day life?

LEADER INSIGHT

As we kick off the Christmas season we're starting a series in large group called, "God with us." We're going to look at the benefits of having God WITH us. This week we're learning two truths; When God is WITH us we have "Courage that Conquers Fear" and "Strength that Carries us Through." God gives us courage to conquer fears but when we run out of courage He will carry us through!

APPLICATION SUGGESTIONS

1. Memorize this verse! So that when you feel afraid and need courage or strength you can conquer the fear with Gods truth.
2. Pray in Jesus name! Jesus holds us up because He has victory over fear. When we pray in His name we have power over fear!