SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK:

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

Spend about 10 min at the start of the night talking about Hope. Answer some of these questions as a group. What is one thing you are counting on to actually happen? When was a time you hoped for a specific gift and got the TOTAL opposite? Does what you hope for in life motivate you? Why?

BIBLE PASSAGE

Psalm 130

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS THE BIBLE VERSE

READ | PSALM 130

The word "Hope" has lots of meanings. But in the Bible one of its primary meanings is "to wait". And this waiting is less like waiting for a long car ride to end and more like pulling a rubber-band as hard as you can and waiting for it to snap. There is an exciting expectation that is connected to the idea of hope in the Bible. Tonight let's spend our time talking about what we hope for and some ways that putting our hope in God equips us to wait with expectation.

QUESTIONS
Just for FUN: What is the most ridiculous thing you have ever hopped for?
(Examples: embarrassing birthday gifts, guilty pleasures, weird clothes…)

How do you feel about waiting? Is it difficult for you or is it easy? Why?
What do you think the writer of Psalm 130 meant by, "I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope."?
What does it mean to wait on God?
What kind of expectations can we put on God?
What are some practical ways we can wait on/hope in God?
What is it about God that makes him worth our hope?
What are some ways God has come through for you in your life?

LEADER INSIGHT

Hope is a tricky topic. Some students might not have any hope in God at all. Be ready for that by be willing to talk about some ways God has come through for you in your life.

APPLICATION SUGGESTIONS

Make a list of your hopes. Wait for God to come through. Once He does cross it off the list.