

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Explained / Week 4

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE

The Bible brings things to light.

SCRIPTURE

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path (Psalm 119:105 NIV).

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you (Psalm 119:11 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand that while Scripture may not give them all of the answers, it illuminates our situations so we can see them more clearly.

THINK ABOUT THIS

At this phase, high schoolers are beginning to question ideas they have always been taught and decide for themselves what is helpful and what isn't. If their experience with the Bible has been unhelpful, they may feel suspicious of the idea that it can be a light to their path. One way to diffuse this tension is to acknowledge that the Bible doesn't answer every question we may have *specifically*. It doesn't mention dating or social media or a number of other parts of teenage life specifically. By acknowledging the tension, we have permission to talk about how the Bible is truly helpful as a lamp to our whole path—even when it doesn't give us turn-by-turn directions.

Create meaningful conversations. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DURING GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the last thing you learned how to do by watching Youtube or TikTok?
2. How do you decide who to go to, or where to go, to get an answer? What makes a source credible or reliable to you?
3. Why do you think we tend to go to people we are closer to for an answer, instead of a person who is most likely to give u the BEST advice?
4. How does it make you feel when you have a question and can't get it answered?
5. What questions have you brought to the Bible to get answered?
6. Why do you think some people see the Bible as a place to only get answers to questions and not as something that should help us guide our decisions in life?
7. What's an area of your life that feels a little dark that could use some light?
8. You also don't have to navigate the path with a lantern on your own. How can this group help guide one another?

TRY THIS

Try memorizing a passage of scripture together (consider something from Philippians 2 or Colossians 3). Say it a few times together in your small group until everyone has it in their memory. This week, text one another in moments where that verse comes to mind or proves to be useful.