

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Everyday / Week 4

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE

We can talk about God every day.

SCRIPTURE

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have (1 Peter 3:15b NIV).

But do this with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15c NIV).

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To show students how talking about their faith can help them connect with God and to help them see the value in talking about their experiences with God.

THINK ABOUT THIS

This week, we're asking students to take steps to talk about their faith and experiences with God. Because of that, this may be an especially challenging week for some of your students. For those new to faith or unsure where they are in relationship to it right now, the idea of talking about it will feel incredibly foreign. How can they talk about something they don't know much about or aren't even sure they believe? With that, the more introverted students may be intimidated by the idea of talking to anyone about just about anything, including their faith. As you lead this week, focus on the fact that this conversation isn't about asking everyone to talk about God in the same way or with the same people. Instead, it's about asking them to find ways to share their experiences, questions, and thoughts about God in a way that works for them.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the content as needed, and don't feel like you need to complete everything listed.

DURING GROUP

DISCUSS THIS

1. What's one thing you could talk about nonstop?
2. How can talking about something help you know more about it?
3. On a scale from "That's easy" to "That's terrifying," how comfortable do you feel talking about God?
4. What might keep a high schooler from feeling confident talking about God?
5. How might knowing your reason—your why—for talking about your faith make it easier to do?
6. Have you ever experienced God in a real, tangible way in your life? If you're comfortable, tell us about it!
7. How can talking about what you've experienced God do impact...
 - a. Your faith?
 - b. The faith of someone else?

8. This week, how can you challenge yourself to share a little of your own experience and faith with someone else?

TRY THIS

Take time this week to talk to your students about something they're interested in. From video games and sports to music and theater to social media and TV shows, let your students teach you a little bit about something they love.
