

### **Preparation**

- Read the scripture selection and discussion topics.
- Pray for your meeting and group members.
- Be welcoming and the first to smile!

#### **Follow Up**

- Remind people to pray and update the prayer journal if you have one.
- Give praise reports and updates.
- Follow up with your group midweek.

## **Content Summary**

- There is an increasing number of people who are walking away from God, for reasons that have nothing to do with God. There are things that we have been taught, told, and convinced of that are just not accurate or true.
- The church has focused on secondary things as if they are the main thing. And people have decided they don't need God based on something that actually has nothing to do with Him. Why does this matter? If we are making decisions about eternity based on things that actually don't matter our decisions will be impacted. If that isn't you, the honest truth is that you work with someone, live next to someone, or maybe even share a room with someone who IS there.

• If we can learn to provoke people's curiosity about Jesus, they will begin to engage with God's truth rather than ignore it. And that curiosity may lead them to recognize that they do, in fact, need God.

### **Scripture Selections**

- Romans 1:20 23
- Galatians 5:22

#### **Icebreaker**

Play two truths and a lie around the room.
Each person states three things about themselves as if they are all true. But one of those things must be a lie. The rest of the room has to guess which statement is the lie.

# **Discussion Topics**

- Have you ever accused someone of something, only to find out later that the story you heard was inaccurate?
  Your kids, a parent, co-worker, employee...
- When you learned the truth, how did that change how you handled the situation? What would you have done differently if you had the right information to begin with?
- Have you ever talked with someone and realized they left the church or walked away from Jesus because of something someBODY did or said?
- Curiosity about Jesus in many circles has been discouraged, even in church. But isn't it true that curiosity about Jesus should be an indication that someone is looking for answers? And doesn't that mean that a person is beginning

to look at Jesus instead of somewhere else? How can we provoke other peoples curiosity about Jesus?

• Instead of trying to answer their questions, ask them an additional question.

Don't make an answer up if you don't know it, instead admit you don't know and encourage them to investigate alongside you to find one.

Live a life that exudes the evidence of the Holy Spirit in you. (Galatians 5:22)

Jesus was asked almost 200 questions in the New Testament. He gave only 3 direct answers, but he asked over 300 questions in response.

Let's provoke curiosity about Jesus, and let Jesus convince, convict, and convert.