

CONNECTION GROUP

Questions

Week Of:
10/2/22

HEAD QUESTIONS

- ICEBREAKER: What is something you've done to try and make up for a mistake you've made?
- Read Colossians 1:21-23 together.
- What is the difference between reconciliation and forgiveness?

HEART QUESTIONS

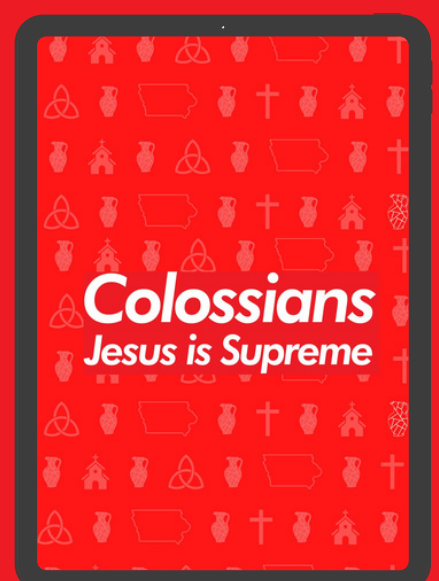
- Sunday, Steve said the phrase: "Jesus may be in your heart but grandpa's in your bones." What are your thoughts on this statement?
- What is a time that God convicted you of a time you were drifting away from His truth?
- When you mess up in your walk with Jesus, is your tendency to run towards or away from Jesus and the community around you?

HAND QUESTIONS

- How does this passage answer the following questions:
 - What am I to do?
 - Who am I to become?
 - What could "holy, faultless, & blameless" look like? Is it perfection?
 - As people who have been reconciled to God, are there any relationships God is calling you to reconcile or forgive?

SUGGESTION: Gender specific groups might be a good space to talk through the heart questions this week. Shake it up! Spend some time digging into our tendencies and where those come from.

Jesus is Supreme



LEADER GUIDE

1. HANGOUT

SPEND SOME TIME AS PEOPLE COME INTO YOUR GROUP SPACE TO CATCH UP ON LIFE, ENJOY SOME SNACKS/COFFEE, AND CONNECT BEFORE YOU SIT DOWN FOR DISCUSSION.

PRO TIP: HAVE SOMEONE IN YOUR GROUP BE IN CHARGE OF SNACKS EACH WEEK. THIS DOESN'T HAVE TO BE UP TO YOU!

2. WELCOME

USE A SHORT TIME EACH WEEK TO WELCOME EVERYONE BACK AND TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE GROUP AND GET TO KNOW THEM.

3. VISION/PURPOSE

THIS IS A TIME TO SHARE YOUR HEART AS A LEADER FOR THE PURPOSE OF YOUR GROUP AND THE KIND OF EXPERIENCE THIS IS AIMING TO BE.

PRO TIP: HAVE AN EMPTY CHAIR AT ALL OF YOUR MEETINGS AND SPORADICALLY POINT OUT THAT THAT IS THERE FOR THE NEXT PEOPLE WE INVITE INTO COMMUNITY WITH US. PRAY FOR THAT PERSON!

4. GENDER SPECIFIC GROUPS

SHARE LIFE UPDATES, HOLD EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE, AND PRAY TOGETHER IN GENDER-SPECIFIC GROUPS. THIS IS HELPFUL FOR OBEDIENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND DEEPER DISCIPLESHIP.

PRO TIP: MAKE SURE THAT PHONE NUMBERS ARE SHARED SO THAT GROUP MEMBERS CAN ENCOURAGE/CHALLENGE EACH OTHER DURING THE WEEK.

5. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

USE A GOOD MIX OF HEAD, HEART, AND HAND QUESTIONS. THE GOAL IS NOT TO GET THROUGH EVERY SINGLE QUESTION, BUT TO USE THE QUESTIONS AS A TOOL TO HELP YOUR GROUP LET GOD'S WORD WORK INTO OUR MINDS, OUR HEARTS, AND OUR LIVES.

PRO TIP: IN YOUR TIME OF PREPARATION, THINK OF SOME FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS YOU COULD ASK TO GO DEEPER WITH YOUR GROUP.

LAYOUT TWO HOURS OR (HOUR 1/2)

TIME STAMP EXAMPLES: 6-8P (6-7:30P)

6:00-6:15 (6:00-6:10) - HANG-OUT

6:15-6:25 (6:10-6:20) - WELCOME/VISION & PURPOSE

6:25-6:55 (6:20-6:40) - GENDER SPECIFIC GROUPS

6:55-7:45 (6:40-7:20) - SERMON BASED DISCUSSION

7:45-8:00 (7:20-7:30) - PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOT SEAT (OPTIONAL ACTIVITY)

SOMETIMES INSTEAD OF GENDER-SPECIFIC GROUP, SELECT A PERSON OR A COUPLE TO BE ON THE "HOT SEAT" IN YOUR LARGE GROUP. SET A TIMER FOR A MINIMUM OF 20 MINUTES.

START THE TIMER AND BEGIN ASKING QUESTIONS. ANYONE CAN ASK ANYTHING, BUT THE PERSON ON THE HOT SEAT CAN ALSO PASS ON ANY QUESTION. ONCE THE TIMER GOES OFF, ALLOW THE PERSON ON THE HOT SEAT TO FINISH THEIR CURRENT ANSWER. TO FINISH THE HOT SEAT ROUND, SELECT A FEW PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR THE PERSON/PEOPLE ON THE HOT SEAT.



Make sure you take a minute to take attendance before you get started with discussion or after group! (via the planning center groups app)

