

CONNECTION GROUP

Questions

Week Of:

9/11/22

HEAD QUESTIONS

- Read Colossians 1:1-8 together as a group
- If you heard the message from Sunday, what were some of the similarities between Colossae and Marshalltown?
- What do you remember hoping for most as a kid?
- When was the first time you heard the gospel? What was your reaction?

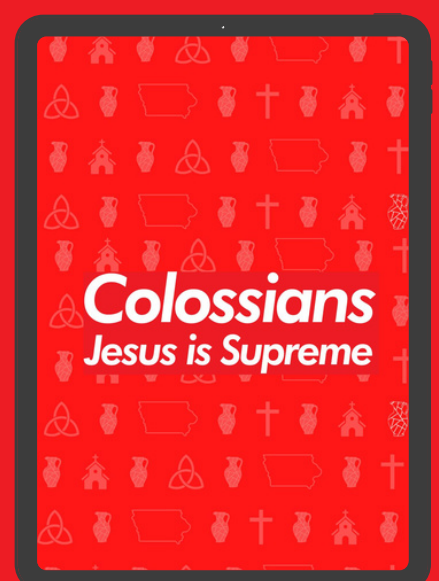
HEART QUESTIONS

- In what ways is the gospel still that hopeful good news for you? How has it gained or maybe lost its effect in your life?
- "and came to truly appreciate God's grace." - V6
 - When you think about God's grace for you in Jesus christ, what do you appreciate most about it?
- As you look at your life, in what ways is there a lack of appreciation for god's grace?

HAND QUESTIONS

- To be faithful people, full of love for one another (v.4), how can we appreciate God's grace together?
- the theme for this series is that jesus is supreme over all things. Make a list of the various things in your life (job, family, brokenness, stress, etc)
 - write to the left of each one "Jesus is supreme over (my)...". Share these things together and talk about how we believe or struggle to believe these things.

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)

