

CONNECTION GROUP

Questions


Week Of:

9/18/22

HEAD QUESTIONS

- ICEBREAKER: What is the most immature thing you do as an adult?
- Read Colossians 1:9-14 together as a group
- Paul was praying for people he never met. How would you pray for other believers you have never met?
- What makes someone "mature" emotionally, mentally, and spiritually?

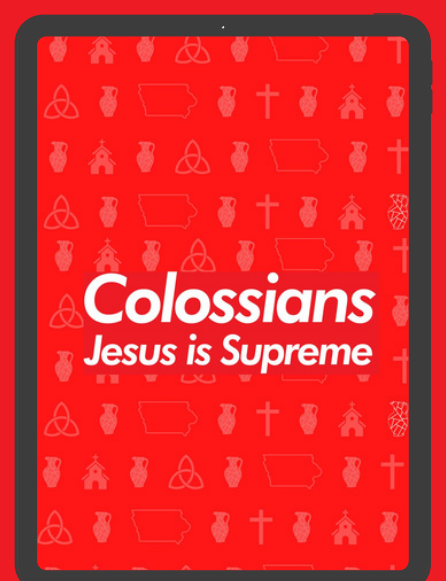
HEART QUESTIONS

- If you heard the message Sunday what were the 3 "Maturity Myths"? Were you bought into any of these as you grew in your faith?  **RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY = MATURITY**
KNOWLEDGE = MATURITY
AGE = MATURITY
- How have you grown in the knowledge of god recently?
- What does moral excellence look like? How have you seen that begin to take place in your life? Where do you struggle?
- How can the gospel continue to make you more like Jesus this week?

HAND QUESTIONS

- How can the gospel continue to mature you to be more like Jesus this week?
- Tony brought up 3 ways to center your life around Jesus.
 - Find what stirs your affections for Jesus
 - Fill your life with those things
 - Put to death what robs you of joy in Christ.
- What does that look like for you? What stirs you? How can you fill your life with those things? What do you need to put to death?

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)

