

CONNECTION GROUP

Questions

Week Of:

10/9/22

HEAD QUESTIONS

- ICEBREAKER: What is something mysterious that you'd like to have the answer or explanation to?
- Read Colossians 1.24-2.3 together.
- What is the mystery spoken of in this passage? What does it mean?

HEART QUESTIONS

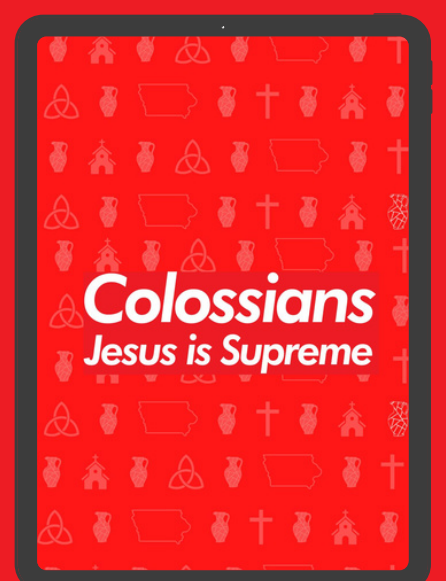
- What is a time when a part of the mystery of God (the hope of glory) became more evident to you?
- When you think about how God waited to reveal the mystery of the gospel, how does waiting on God to reveal something to you feel? How have you struggled with waiting on God to reveal something to you?
- What is a part of your life right now that you are waiting God to reveal the way He revealed the hope of glory?

HAND QUESTIONS

- How does this passage answer the following questions:
 - What am I to do?
 - Who am I to become?
- "We proclaim him" is a phrase used in verse 28. What is your role in revealing God's mystery to those who don't know?

SUGGESTION: *These questions are simply a tool for you to use. Stay curious, ask people curious questions about their thoughts and sharing. Being heard and valued creates community and encourages us as believers to continue to lean into our faith in Jesus in the context of community!*

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)

