Fuller Youth Institute

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

The Big Questions / Week 3

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE
You belong here.

SCRIPTURE
Acts 16:13-15 NLT, Acts 16:40 NLT, Galatians 3:26-2 NIV

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP
To show students that in Jesus, everyone has a place to belong, and to encourage them to take a step toward believing and sharing that truth.

THINK ABOUT THIS
Remember to distinguish the difference between fitting in and belonging for your students. While fitting in means they have to be a certain way in order to be accepted by a group, belonging means they can be accepted just the way they are. As you point your students toward the truth that they belong both with God and this group, keep in mind that you may be dealing with students who have been told or made to feel the exact opposite. Some of your students may be stuck on the idea that to even belong at church, they have to change something about who they are. The goal of your conversation isn't to give them a list of dos and don'ts or rights and wrongs when it comes to faith. Instead, it's to remind them consistently and repeatedly that no matter what they feel or have been told, with God and with you, they belong.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here.

DURING GROUP

ICE BREAKER
Which friend group from your favorite show would you want to hang out with and why?

DISCUSS THIS
1. What's one thing that stood out to you in today's message?
2. What's one thing that might make someone feel like they fit in?
3. What's one thing that might make someone feel like they don't fit in?
4. Why do you think people want to fit in?
5. What's the difference between fitting in and belonging? *(look at the think about this section above)*
6. What's something our group or church can do to make sure that everyone feels like they belong here?
7. What's something our group can do to make <u>you</u> feel like you belong here?
8. What's something you can do to remind yourself that you belong to Jesus, even if you don't feel like you belong in other places?

DO THIS
Give out the provided sticker as a reminder to your students that no matter what, they always belong.

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