

STUDENT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SOCIAL TIME/WORSHIP

Have a game ready and/or go around the circle asking your group members to share any news since your last meeting. Be intentional in helping your group members get to know one another during this time and make it fun.

CHECK-IN TIME

Talk about what you did last week to complete your action step.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

There are a lot of things in life that are rad. Our friends, family, our favorite television shows, just to name a few. Something being rad doesn't just mean it's cool, though. Being radical means it's counter cultural. It goes against the grain of society. Jesus was very radical in His time. This week we are talking about how Jesus was a radical listener.

1. What's your favorite thing to listen to?
2. Name someone in your life who is a good listener. What makes them such a good listener?
3. How can you tell when someone isn't really interested in what you have to say? How does that feel?
4. Why do you think most people spend more time speaking than they spend listening?
5. What are some ways our relationships with others can be damaged when we don't listen well?
6. Read Genesis 16:7-13. How did the Lord listen to Hagar in her time of need? What does this teach us about listening to others in their time of need?
7. What are some situations where you find yourself speaking more than you listen? Why do you think that is?

8. Which kind of listening is most difficult for you — listening with your heart, mind, body, or curiosity? What's an example?

9. This week, what's one thing you can do to listen to others more? What about listening to God?

ACTION STEP

Choose one of the following or create your own. Consider finding an accountability partner within your group to walk alongside you this week.

- Connect with someone
- Daily time with God: Determine the type of routine you'd like to have that allows you to spend time learning about what pleases God. Here are some ways to do this:
 - o Download the Emmanuel app and read the One Year New Testament daily.
 - o Download the YouVersion app and find a devotion you can do daily. You can even decide to do one as a group to encourage one another as you do the daily readings.
 - o If you recently placed your faith in Christ and texted SAVED to 65248, read the devotional provided in your starter kit.

PRAYER

Ask your group to share two things

1. Prayer requests for themselves and the people in their lives.
2. Ask also for any reason to praise. It is great to come to God in thanksgiving for all He has done.

Keep note of the burdens in people's life and notice when God moves in those areas specifically. We believe God will see prayers become praise and it is an opportunity to increase our faith when we are in the position to bring that to light.