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MIDDLE SCHOOL 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

God's word is full of significant signs and symbols. There's poetry, prophecy, history, and law all throughout the Bible. One way God speaks to us is through significant numbers. This month we'll explore some of those numbers each week, and dive into how God is speaking to us through those numbers. This isn't some boring old math class though! God's numbers are full of passion, intrigue, and the big love He has for us, His favorite creation.

- 1. What stood out to you about the message?
- 2. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11. Do your friends build you up or tear you down?
- 3. Do your friends forgive you or hold it against you?
- 4. Do your friends refresh you or exhaust you?
- 5. Who do you spend the most time with?
- 6. Think about the friends you put in your inner circle. Do they point you back to Jesus?
- 7. How can you be a better friend to those around you this week?

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.

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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.