

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

Bottom line: Everyone is made uniquely in God's image. The goal of small group is to help students begin looking for and naming the image of God they see in others. As we talk about identity, keep in mind that this word holds weight for this generation. It encompasses everything from gender, race, ability, and more. For many, seeing God's image in those whose identity feels similar to their own will be easy. The real challenge for your group (and for all of us!) is to see the image of God in those who are different from us—those we don't always understand. This week is a great chance for your group to process what makes this hard for us to do and to encourage one another to see God's image in those around them, both alike and different.

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Why can it be hard to see the image of God in others?
3. What is harder for you to believe: God's image in you or God's image in someone else?
4. Read Psalm 139:13-18 to yourself, replacing the word "me" with the name of someone you struggle to understand or accept. How does hearing that truth change the way you might see that person? How does it change you?
5. Do you think others struggle to see the image of God inside you?
6. Who is someone you have a hard time getting along with? How can you see God's image in them?
7. What is one thing you can do to start truly seeing and then loving someone who is different from 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.
 - 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.