

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

Being a good friend is easy! As long as you make time to hang out, remember their birthday, and answer their texts, you're eligible for the Great Friend Award . . . right? Friendship might feel easy when life is easy, but it gets more complicated when your friends are hurting or struggling. What should you do? What should you say? What should you not say? When our friends need help, there are no easy answers, but in this 4-week series, we'll follow the lead of a few people who've been there. Through the stories of Job, Ruth, Naomi, Elijah, and Eli, we'll see how God invites us to "be with" people when they're grieving, lonely, in need, or feeling hopeless, and how God is already with them.

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. What do you have to be hopeful for right now?
3. Read Matthew 5:14-16. How can you be a light for those who are feeling hopeless?
4. Talk about a time you felt hopeless. Did someone help you get through that time? What did they do to help you?
5. Do you have someone to go to when you feel hopeless? Who is it? What do they do to help you?
6. Read Romans 15:13. God fills us with hope to spare, so who can you share hope with 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 lives 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 29 | Chick-Fil-A treats in the Greenwood Lobby during 4 p.m. service

October 30 | Cookie Bake-Off – contact atanner@eclife.org to participate. \$5 entry fee

November 5 | Garage sale 8am-1pm 1394 Osprey Way Greenwood, IN 46143

You can find more information on all of these events at eclife.org.