



Finding answers to life's toughest questions

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### LEADER PREP

#### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

The win is for students to walk away knowing that they aren't in the wrong for asking questions; it's actually what helps grow their faith!

#### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:2-6 (NLT)

#### THINK ABOUT THIS

**Middle school is FULL of questions!** But often, and wrongfully, Middle Schoolers have their voices and questions muddled. Instead of inspiring critical thinking, society tries to stifle it. Let's be different when it comes to their questions. If you've been a small group leader for more than a minute, you'll realize you don't have all the answers to the questions your students ask you and THAT IS GREAT! Don't feel that you have to be the expert or have all the answers because you are the leader. Why is it great that you don't have all the answers? Because that gives you a GREAT opportunity to point your students to a GOD WHO HAS ALL THE ANSWERS, how we can seek answers in His words, and how we can live in the tension of some answers we'll never know this side of heaven. Questions and curiosity can help your students truly own their faith and their relationship with Jesus.

#### THINGS TO KNOW

On the Hope Student Ministry app we've given video answers to the top 10 questions students have asked us about God. *Details on back.* Go ahead and download it and look around!

### CONVERSATION GUIDE

#### MAIN POINT

**God can handle, and wants to answer, your questions.**

#### GET THEM TALKING

If you could ask anyone from history one question, who would it be and what would you ask?

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever felt bad for asking questions or having doubts about Christianity? If so, why?

#### **READ MATTHEW 11:2-6 and answer the following questions:**

2. Can someone explain what's happening in this passage?
3. Put yourself in John's shoes. Would you have the same questions that he did? Why or Why not?
4. Is it fair for John to ask for "proof" of who Jesus was? Why or why not?
5. How did Jesus respond to John's question?
6. How do you think Jesus responds to your questions?
7. Who is someone in your life who may have questions about God?
8. Do you know other people who have questions about your beliefs? If so, would you feel comfortable talking with them about their questions? Why or why not?

#### NEXT STEPS

1. Take time to share about the video answers on the Hope Student Ministry App; maybe even walk your students through downloading and finding those answers. (more details on back)
2. What do you think our next step is as a group? What can we do together to "deal with" each other's questions?

#### PRAYER GUIDE

Have everyone in your group quietly pray to themselves and bring whatever questions they may have to God. After a few (about 30-60) seconds, close out the group in prayer out loud.

*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. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.*

## SCRIPTURE

MS students are concrete thinkers, so opening your Bible to read the Scripture with them is a preferred visual cue.

### Matthew 11:2-6 NLT

John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?" Jesus told them, Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen—the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor." And he added, "God blesses those who do not fall away because of me."

## LEADER CORNER

On the Hope Student Ministry app we've given video answers to the top questions students have asked us about God. Click MSM and then Next Steps to view.

### **Top Student Questions Answered On Student Ministry App:**

1. Is It Okay To Have Doubts About Whether God Is Real?
2. How was God created?
3. If I believe in God but I sin, will God reject me?
4. How do you talk to God? It seems like He does not listen to me.
5. Why Do Some People Say That God Is Against Homosexual People?
6. What If I Find The Bible A Little Boring?
7. Why does God let horrible things happen in our world?
8. How Can I Talk About Faith To People That Don't Believe in God?
9. How Do I Pray?
10. Why does God seem more hidden now than back in Biblical times?
11. What is heaven like?