



Finding answers to life's toughest questions

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How do I help others find answers?
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LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

The win is for students to know that they can walk alongside others seek truth together, even when they don't have to have all the answers.

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 3:15-17 NLT

THINGS TO KNOW

In the Hope Student Ministry app we answer a common question from students that goes with today's lesson, "How can I talk about faith to people that don't believe in God?" Take time to watch this and encourage your students to do the same. Maybe even watch it together and discuss.

THANK YOU

Small Group Leaders: You give your time and your energy to invest into middle school students through the love of Jesus and we couldn't do this ministry without you. You are shining stars pointing your students to Jesus, just like the Star of Bethlehem pointed the Wise Men to Jesus. What you do matters. Every time you smile at a student, it matters. Every time you play a game with a student, it matters. Every time you lead a discussion, it matters. Every time you show up in their world, it matters. Your students matter to God, and every way you invest in them matters to God too. Thank you.

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.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

MAIN POINT

God wants to use us to help others move closer to Him.

GET THEM TALKING

What's something you and your best friend both enjoy that you can talk about for hours and hours?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share a time where you invited a friend to church or shared about your faith. How did it go?
2. Who feels like it's hard or scary sometimes to share their faith? Why?
3. What can we do to overcome those reasons?

READ 1 Peter 3:15-17 and answer the following questions:

4. In your own words, what is this saying?
5. Verse 15 talks about being ready to explain the reason for your faith. How can we do that?
6. Verse 16 talks about sharing our faith in a respectful and gentle way. Have you seen someone do that really well?
7. What about someone who did it not so well? What were the differences in the way people responded to them?
8. Verse 17 tells us that we may suffer for sharing our faith. Do you think it's still worth doing if you know you're going to suffer for it? Why or why not?

NEXT STEP

Challenge every to think of someone in their lives that they can invite to church for Christmas. Paint a picture for them about what a Hope Christmas service looks like. Remind them that people are more willing to listen to the Gospel at Christmas than just about any other time of the year.

PRAYER GUIDE

Create an opportunity for a student in your group to be bold in a safe place! Ask if any of them would be willing to step out of their comfort zone to pray this week. Be sure to encourage them when they're done!

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

1 Peter 3:15 NLT

¹⁵ Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. ¹⁶ But do this in a gentle and respectful way. ^{16a} Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. ¹⁷ Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!

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