

Monologues Week 1/4: God's story September 19 & 20, 2020

LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To guide students towards understanding that God is still writing His story and they have an amazing opportunity to play a significant part in it.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:9-11 & Matthew 24:10-14

THINK ABOUT THIS

The 6 Acts of the Bible [like a play]: Act 1: Creation (Gen 1-2) Act 2: Fall (Gen 3-11) Act 3: Israel (Gen 12-2 Ch 36) Act 4: Jesus (Matt 1-Acts 1) Act 5: Church (Acts 2-Rev 20)* WHERE WE CURRENTLY ARE Act 6: New Creation (Rev 21-22)

*We are living in the age of the Church--and we are ALL a part of the Church! God is still active, still present, still involved in our lives and we have opportunities to partner with Him to see our friends and our schools and our families come to know Him.

THINGS TO KNOW

You are awesome!

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 is still writing His story through us.

GET THEM TALKING

What's your favorite story? Maybe a movie or a book?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you have a favorite Bible story? What is it?

READ EPHESIANS 1:9-11

- 2. What is God's plan, aka the part of His story He is writing right now?
- 3. What do you think is our part to play in this grand story?

READ MATTHEW 24:10-14

- 4. What from these verses stand out to you?
- 5. There is a NEED to spread the gospel [v 14]. What are the reasons the world needs this message? [v 10-13]
- 6. How can you have an impact on the world around you for the Kingdom of God?

NEXT STEP

Pray for ONE friend who does NOT know Jesus or who is NOT involved in any church to come to know Jesus' love for them.

PRAYER GUIDE

Close your time together in prayer.

SCRIPTURE

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

EPHESIANS 1:9-11

^{«9}God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill His own good plan. ¹⁰And this is the plan: At the right time He will bring everything together under the authority of Christ everything in heaven and on earth. ¹¹Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for He chose us in advance, and He makes everything work out according to His plan."

MATTHEW 24:10-14

"¹⁰At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹²Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."