



**Wk 2/5: You Belong Here:  
Made to Make a Difference Edition  
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## LEADER PREP

### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to realize that:  
YOU + GOD = An amazing, life-changing combo

### SCRIPTURE

#### Main Scriptures:

- [Ephesians 1:11-12 \(MSG\)](#)
- [1 Peter 3:18 \(NLT\)](#)

#### Secondary Scripture:

- [Ephesians 2:10 \(NLT\)](#)

### THINK ABOUT THIS

- 1) We don't want our time together to just be talking about good things and then trying to do them in our own power. We want our time together to be about focusing on Jesus and living our lives in response to His love. The Gospel is the heart and center of today's message. Before you lead your students, take a few moments to reflect on your salvation and praise God for what He has done in your life.
- 2) If you haven't in the last few months, review the [Go5pel Response guide](#) to remind you the heart of the Gospel and prep you for any conversations you may have with students who want to accept Jesus for the first time. When students say that to us, we want to make sure they understand what that means, celebrate with them, and share with their parents.

*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

You were made to belong to God.

### GET THEM TALKING

What is your favorite breakfast food?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of your favorite combinations? (Ex: Peanut butter + Jelly, Wanda + Vision, etc).
2. What do you think it means that: YOU + GOD = an amazing combo that is better than any of these?
3. What are some good reasons why we should want to be in a relationship with God? (*Note: there are 10 listed on the back, but don't just read it to your students and move on. See what your group can come up with first or use it to fuel more ideas they can come up with.*)
4. In your own words, what does it mean to be in a relationship with God?

#### **READ EPHESIANS 1:11-12 & 2:10.**

#### **Then answer the following questions:**

5. In your own words, what are these verses saying?
6. How do they describe the way God made us?

#### **READ 1 PETER 3:18 and answer the following questions:**

7. In your own words, what are these verses saying?
8. How can we begin a relationship with God?

### NEXT STEP

The REAL adventure, the REAL life change comes not just from talking about this stuff but living it out in our lives Monday-Sunday. Wherever you are in knowing God, you can take a next step. I'm going to list some, as a I do think, "What is my next step?" Then we will go around in a circle and share our next step goals (they don't have to be from this list but can be):

- Talk to God and bring questions you have to Him.
- Read your Bible.
- Serve someone.
- Praise God through worship music.
- Accept Jesus for the first time or get baptized.
- Tell someone else about Jesus' love.

### PRAYER GUIDE

Ask students for their prayer requests and 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 1:11-12 (MSG)

“<sup>11-12</sup> It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, He had His eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose He is working out in everything and everyone.”

### EPHESIANS 2:10 (NLT)

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.”

### 1 PETER 3:18 (NLT)

“Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but He died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but He was raised to life in the Spirit.”

## **“10 Reasons Why Jesus is Awesome to Hang Out With\*”**

1. He always says nice things about you.
2. He never fights with you or gets so mad He refuses to speak to you.
3. He is a true love who will never break up with you or break your heart.
4. He gives you more than anyone ever has.
5. He listens to every word you say and understands everything you feel.
6. He can’t wait to go places and do stuff with you.
7. He has invitations to the most exciting places - and takes you with Him.
8. He sees you as perfect just the way you are. He never fakes it or just tells you what you want to hear. To Him, you are absolutely awesome.
9. He listens when you admit every wrong thing you’ve ever done, and you never have to feel guilty or ashamed.
10. He forgives you completely and never brings up any of your mistakes again!”

\*From page 43 of “Made to Make a Difference” by Max Lucado & Jenna Lucado Bishop