



YOU BELONG HERE DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 2



MAIN SCRIPTURES:
Hebrews 10:23-25

MAIN POINT:
You matter to God and you belong here so:
(1) Show up.
(2) Be real.
(3) Go after Jesus.

JESUS CONNECTION:
Jesus wants more than a surface-level relationship with you - He wants a personal relationship with you.

LEADER CORNER

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To empower students to establish a culture of owning Hebrews 10:23-25 and their small group experience together.

THINK ABOUT THIS

At this phase high school students feel the pressure to measure up in every area of life: school, social media, sports or extra-curricular activities, and in their friend group. While this conversation is about how to make small groups better, be careful to not add pressure by making this one more place they feel like they have to measure up. Don't use language like, "It should be like this..." or make them feel guilty if they aren't engaged. Instead let students lead the way in expressing what they need from the group and how to make it better. If necessary, allow them to process why they aren't engaged by asking clarifying questions.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

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

GET THEM TALKING

What are some strong group friendships (healthy or unhealthy) you've seen in pop culture? Tell us WHY you think their relationships are strong.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you've ever played a team sport, played in the band, or been part of a great theatre cast, what makes a group great or healthy? What makes an unhealthy group or team?
2. How might a great small group make life in high school better? How might a great small group make YOU better in high school?
3. What are some words that describe a small group you'd want to be a part of? (*Leader note: Listen to all answers, but steer the conversation from "best friend" language.*)

READ HEBREWS 10:23-25 and answer the following questions together:

Pro Tip: Have someone write down ideas so you can circle back to them during your next step time together.

4. How can THIS GROUP motivate each other and encourage one another?
5. What are some important values for us to have as a group together to be a place everyone feels they belong and can be real?
6. The verse goes on to say: "let us not." What are some things we will NOT do as a group?

NEXT STEP

As a group, come up with some tangible group rules and values together. Write these down and save them. Remind your students this is not about creating a clique but about creating a safe, welcoming, supportive space for everyone here and those not here yet who might join your group in the future. *Leader Note: There is an example on the back to help you guide your convo, but lead your group to create their own rules/values and not just copy/paste them from the example.*

PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students to share their prayer requests, and close your time together in prayer.

MAIN SCRIPTURES

Hebrews 10:23-25 NIV

²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

BONUS LEADER RESOURCE

EXAMPLE SMALL GROUP RULES/VALUES:

- 1) We agree to keep the things that are said in our group **confidential**, unless there's a concern for someone's safety.
- 2) We agree to **attend** our group as **faithfully** as possible.
- 3) We agree to **be real and participate** in group while being careful not to dominate the discussion.
- 5) We agree to treat one another with **respect** at all times, especially in times of disagreement or conflict.
- 6) We agree to **show up for one another** inside and outside of small group time.
- 7) We agree to **encourage** one other to grow **closer to Jesus**.
- 8) We agree to **welcome** new students and let everyone know this is a place for them to **belong**.