LEADER PREP

MAIN POINT

Exodus teaches us that God cares about all the little details of our lives.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 25:8-9 NIV 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand the importance of context. Context helps us realize that the Bible isn't a collection of random stories, but it's actually God's overarching story of redemption.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Gospel Invitation + Response Week

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message in your own words.
- Last week we continued a Exodus devotional (recap this for new students), for those of you who had it - how'd it go?
- Honesty Time: When you come across a part of the Bible that feels boring, what do you do? What questions do you ask?
- Today we learned that even the "boring" parts of the Bible matter in the grand scheme of things. Today in small group we're going to see that the entire Bible works that way.
 We're going to learn about context.

LET'S PRACTICE - BIBLE READING WORKSHOP

- READ EXODUS 14:14
- When you read that verse by itself, what do you think it means?
- "Zoom Out" and read Exodus 14:10-22
- When you read the whole story how does it change the meaning of Exodus 14:14? (Re-read it if you nee to.) (Leader Cheat Sheet: When you read Exodus 14:14 by itself it makes you think that God will do all the work for Moses, but when you zoom out we realize that God is actually inviting Moses into a chance to be obedient. Sometimes God works miracles, but He still wants us to partner with Him.)
- How can taking verses out of context lead to misunderstanding about what the Bible teaches.

APPLICATION

- This is the last week of this series. What have you learned that you want to apply the next time you read your Bible?
- Talk as a group about how you can continue to read your Bible's together so we don't just leave it on the shelf but keep the Bible Reading momentum going.

PRAY

We are going to close in prayer. Any prayer requests?

EXODUS 25:8-9 NIV

"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. 9 Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you."

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20 NIV

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; *20* you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

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