



LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to connect with each other, and their leaders, and begin learning more about each other!

MAIN POINT

Small groups are a gamechanger because they are a place to:

- **Belong**
- **Connect with others**
- **Grow in faith**

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV

THINK ABOUT THIS

“Students don’t care what you have to say until they know you care.”

Building relationships is a crucial part of discipleship...so during this series we are shortening our discussion times so that your group can have extra time building relationships together in fun ways.

Each week will have one fun activity picked for every group to do together. Some groups will fly through this, so we have **extra activity ideas** for you all to do together to continue to bond if that’s your group.

Having fun is a main value of Hope Family Ministry because it’s such a foundational way to show kids and students we truly care about them – so enjoy your time together and take moments before and after small group to really get to know your students.

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.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

GET THEM TALKING

- How was everyone’s summer and/or week?
- Share Highs & Lows.

DO TOGETHER

Do the Chocolate Personality Test activity together (if this takes less than 10 minutes, pick another activity from our bonus activity list to do together)

- Place the mini-candies in the middle of the group
- Explain you’ll read the “personality” for each chocolate, and after you want each student to pick the chocolate they think is closest to their personality and share why they picked it.
- Dark Chocolate – Patient, thoughtful, individualist, insightful. Set high standards for self and others. Dependable, resourceful, and loyal
- Mr. Goodbar – You gather data before giving an opinion. You’re analytical and logical. You hate deadlines and put off starting things. You like for there to be rules everyone follows.
- Krackel – Creative, optimistic, messy, always see the cup half-full. You like to be hands-on, friendly and outgoing. You’re always willing to help.
- Milk Chocolate – You are All-American, love baseball, Mom and apple pie. You are kind and remember everyone’s birthday. Nurturing and always up for helping others.
- Enjoy your chocolate!

INTO THE WORD

READ HEBREWS 10:24-25 and answer the following question:

- What are ways we can encourage each other and grow as a small group this year?

NEXT STEP

- A huge way we can encourage and connect with each other is a group text outside of small group time. This helps us stay in touch and reminds us there are others in our lives who care and pray for us. What’s a good way for our group to connect together outside of small group time? (GroupMe? Any other suggestions?)

PRAYER GUIDE

We are going to close in prayer.
Anyone have any prayer requests?

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Scripture is provided for convenience, but we prefer you and your students open your Bibles to read the Scripture. This helps your students learn how to find Scripture in their Bibles and understand where these verses are in the larger context of God's Word.

HEBREWS 10:24-25 NIV

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 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.

LEADER CORNER + NOTES