



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.
- **LEADER NOTE:** You may have a brand new group! It may be better to go around, share names, and what school everyone attends before moving on.

DO TOGETHER

Skittles Ice Breaker Questions: Have each student pick 2 Skittles. They will then answer the questions corresponding with the skittle colors they chose! *(If this takes less than 10 minutes, pick another activity from our bonus activity list to do together)*

- Red – What’s your favorite restaurant, and what’s your go-to thing you order?
- Orange – What are you doing in order to survive a zombie apocalypse?
- Yellow - You have your own late night talk show, who do you invite as your first guest and why?
- Green – If you could only have one social media app, what would it be and why?
- Purple – You have a personal assistant, but they can only do one thing for you for the rest of your life. What are you having them do and why?

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(S)

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 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