

## LEADER PREP

### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to see how following God's Word lights our way.

### MAIN POINT

**The Word of God is a light that directs our path.**

### MAIN SCRIPTURE

Psalm 119:103-105

### THINK ABOUT THIS

Reading the Bible on your own can be intimidating; often we can shrink away from it even when we know it's good for us. If your students mention having a difficult time understanding what they are reading, recommend that they try finding a different translation. Many students are relieved when they open the New Living Translation (take one of ours home!) or The Message Bible because "I can understand." You may also want to suggest that they find a "student" edition study Bible that will give them context for what they read, because context always helps understanding. Do you have a Bible you like you can bring with you and show as an example?

Also our next steps for this series are reading a Bible Devotional Plan together. Invite your students to do it with you and for you all to encourage each other about it throughout the week.

*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 week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Who can share a story of a time they were lost or lost something in the dark and had to use a flashlight to find their way?
- How easy is it to get lost or confused in the dark? Why?
- Someone recap the main point of the message in your own words.

### INTO THE WORD

**READ PSALM 119:103-105 and answer the following questions:**

1. In what ways do you use honey? Why do you think David compares God's word to honey?
2. In what ways do you use a lamp? How do you think God's word compares to a lamp?
3. What can be intimidating to you about reading the Bible on your own?
4. Have you ever tried to read the Bible on your own on a regular basis? How'd that go?
5. What obstacles get in the way of reading the Bible daily?
6. What are ways we can overcome these obstacles?

### NEXT STEP

Since this series is all about God's Word, our next step is going to be doing a Bible Devotional Plan together.

Has anyone done a Bible devotional before?

What tips would you have for someone doing one for the first time?

How can we remind and encourage each other as we do this together?

### 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 where these verses are in the larger context of God's Word.

### **PSALM 119:103-105 (NIV)**

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

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## **LEADER CORNER + NOTES**