

LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students grow in their understanding of God.

MAIN POINT

Through Jesus we can see what God is like.

MAIN SCRIPTURES

John 5:9

THINK ABOUT THIS

A.W. Tozer said, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." So often God can feel like a big, unknown mystery. But one way we can put on our detective hats and find clues to this mystery is by looking at God's perfect reflection in Jesus.

Knowing God is extremely important for us, because knowing God and growing in our relationship with Him shapes us more than anything else.

In this series we are looking at what Jesus said about Himself. God's opinion of Himself is the most important and accurate opinion out there.

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

- Let's all share our highs and lows from the week.
- What is your favorite mystery show, movie, or game?
- What are some things about God that are a mystery to you?
- In your own words, what was the main point of the message?

INTO THE WORD

READ JOHN 5:19 and answer the following questions:

1. In your own words, what does this verse mean?
2. Jesus is a perfect reflection of the God we can't see. So what's something true about Jesus that challenges the way you think about God?
3. What were some of the observations about Jesus you made during the interactive?
4. What surprises or stands out to you about something you listed?
5. What are some ways that God has shown Himself to you or to others? (*Leaders, if your students struggle answering this help your students by sharing some examples from your life or where you've seen God in their lives.*)
6. What are three or more ways we can better pay attention to who Jesus really is?

NEXT STEP

Just like looking in the mirror can help us see what we look like, looking at Jesus can help us better see what God is like. We listed some ways we can pay better attention to who Jesus really is. **Which one** (or double dog dare challenge – which two) **of those ideas would you be willing to practice this week?**

HSM+: Share one thing about Jesus that fascinates you. Who else this week could you share that fascination with?

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.

JOHN 5:9 (NIV)

Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does."

LEADER CORNER + NOTES