



Group Discussion Guide

CONNECT & MINGLE

- OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT CASUALLY, EAT SOME FOOD AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO ARRIVE
- ONCE EVERYONE HAS ARRIVED AND IT FEELS NATURAL TO TRANSITION TO MORE ORGANIZED TIME TOGETHER, PICK FROM ICE BREAKER OPTIONS BELOW TO DO TOGETHER. YOU CAN ALSO COME UP WITH YOUR OWN. ALLOW CONVERSATION TO COME FROM IT, DON'T JUST MOVE THROUGH AND CHECK OFF THAT YOU DID EVERYTHING. REMEMBER, GROUPS ARE ABOUT CONNECTING!

ICE BREAKER OPTION 1 (FACT OR FICTION?)

ASK EVERYONE TO WRITE ON A PIECE OF PAPER THREE THINGS ABOUT THEMSELVES WHICH MAY NOT BE KNOWN TO THE OTHERS IN THE GROUP. TWO ARE TRUE AND ONE IS NOT. TAKING TURNS, THEY READ OUT THE THREE 'FACTS' ABOUT THEMSELVES AND THE REST OF THE GROUP VOTES WHICH ARE TRUE AND FALSE. THERE ARE ALWAYS SURPRISES. THIS SIMPLE ACTIVITY IS ALWAYS FUN AND HELPS THE GROUP GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER.

ICE BREAKER OPTION 2 (IF)

WRITE 20 'IF' QUESTIONS ON CARDS AND PLACE THEM (QUESTION DOWN) IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CIRCLE. THE FIRST PERSON TAKES A CARD, READS IT OUT AND GIVES THEIR ANSWER, COMMENT OR EXPLANATION, OR YOU CAN JUST READ OFF THE LIST IF YOU AREN'T ABLE TO MAKE THE CARDS. THIS IS A SIMPLE ICEBREAKER TO GET PEOPLE TALKING AND LISTENING TO OTHERS IN THE GROUP. KEEP IT MOVING AND DON'T PLAY FOR TOO LONG. WRITE YOUR OWN ADDITIONAL 'IF' QUESTIONS TO ADD TO THE LIST.

1. IF YOU COULD GO ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, WHERE WOULD YOU GO?
2. IF I GAVE YOU \$10,000, WHAT WOULD YOU SPEND IT ON?
3. IF YOU COULD WATCH YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE NOW, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
4. IF YOU COULD TALK TO ANYONE IN THE WORLD, WHO WOULD IT BE?
5. IF YOU COULD WISH ONE THING TO COME TRUE THIS YEAR, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
6. IF YOU COULD LIVE IN ANY PERIOD OF HISTORY, WHEN WOULD IT BE?
7. IF YOU COULD CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT YOURSELF, WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE?
8. IF YOU COULD BE SOMEONE ELSE, WHO WOULD YOU BE?
9. IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY QUESTION ANSWERED, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
10. IF YOU COULD WATCH YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOW NOW, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
11. IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY KIND OF PET, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE?
12. IF YOU COULD DO YOUR DREAM JOB 10 YEARS FROM NOW, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
13. IF YOU HAD TO BE ALLERGIC TO SOMETHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
14. IF YOU SAT DOWN NEXT TO JESUS ON A BUS, WHAT WOULD YOU TALK ABOUT?
15. IF MONEY AND TIME WAS NO OBJECT, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING RIGHT NOW?
16. IF YOU HAD ONE DAY TO LIVE OVER AGAIN, WHAT DAY WOULD YOU PICK?
17. IF YOU COULD EAT YOUR FAVORITE FOOD NOW, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
18. IF YOU COULD LEARN ANY SKILL, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
19. IF YOU WERE SENT TO LIVE ON A SPACE STATION FOR THREE MONTHS AND ONLY ALLOWED TO BRING THREE PERSONAL ITEMS WITH YOU, WHAT WOULD THEY BE?
20. IF YOU COULD BUY A CAR RIGHT NOW, WHAT WOULD YOU BUY?



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WEEK 1
2-24-19
THRU 3-2-19

ICE BREAKER OPTION 3 (WOULD YOU RATHER?)

QUESTIONS MAY RANGE FROM SILLY TRIVIA TO MORE SERIOUS CONTENT. ON THE WAY YOU MIGHT FIND OUT SOME INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT YOUR GROUP! PLACE A LINE OF TAPE DOWN THE CENTER OF THE ROOM. ASK THE GROUP TO STRADDLE THE TAPE.

WHEN ASKED 'WOULD YOU RATHER?' THEY HAVE TO JUMP TO THE LEFT OR RIGHT AS INDICATED BY THE LEADER. DON'T FORGET TO JOIN IN TOO! I'VE INCLUDED 20 STARTER QUESTIONS, JUST ADD YOUR OWN AND LET THE FUN BEGIN.

WOULD YOU RATHER..?

- *VISIT THE DOCTOR OR THE DENTIST?*
- *EAT BROCCOLI OR CARROTS?*
- *WATCH TV OR LISTEN TO MUSIC?*
- *OWN A LIZARD OR A SNAKE?*
- *HAVE A BEACH VACATION OR A MOUNTAIN VACATION?*
- *BE AN APPLE OR A BANANA?*
- *BE INVISIBLE OR BE ABLE TO READ MINDS?*
- *BE HAIRY ALL OVER OR COMPLETELY BALD?*
- *BE THE MOST POPULAR OR THE SMARTEST PERSON YOU KNOW?*
- *MAKE HEADLINES FOR SAVING SOMEBODY'S LIFE OR WINNING A NOBEL PRIZE?*
- *GO WITHOUT TELEVISION OR FAST FOOD FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?*
- *HAVE PERMANENT DIARRHEA OR PERMANENT CONSTIPATION?*
- *BE HANDSOME/BEAUTIFUL & DUMB OR BE UGLY & REALLY SMART?*
- *ALWAYS BE COLD OR ALWAYS BE HOT?*
- *NOT HEAR OR NOT SEE?*
- *ELIMINATE HUNGER AND DISEASE OR BE ABLE TO BRING LASTING WORLD PEACE?*
- *BE STRANDED ON A DESERTED ISLAND ALONE OR WITH SOMEONE YOU DON'T LIKE?*
- *SEE THE FUTURE OR CHANGE THE PAST?*
- *BE THREE INCHES TALLER OR THREE INCHES SHORTER?*
- *WRESTLE A LION OR FIGHT A SHARK?*

Discovery Bible Study

If time allows, you can introduce the discovery bible study method we will be using throughout the "Take Your Next Step" series and throughout this group semester. Here are some of the verses from Sunday's message and the 9 DBS questions that you can use to guide the conversation. Read the verses out loud together and then go through the questions, one passage at a time.

Ephesians 4:21-32 // John 15:12-13 // Matthew 25:31-40

What captured your attention?

Is there a command to obey?

Did anything challenge you? Why?

Is there an action to avoid?

What do I learn about God?

Is there a promise to claim?

What do I learn about people?

With whom should I share this truth?

Is there an example to follow?