

Leader's Notes

IDENTITY

THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST

WEEK 1 "I AM" pt. 1

Please remember these notes are to refer back to if you NEED to. They are a supplement to the discussion. The goal is not to get to the answers provided below but to engage in open and honest discussions. Please give adequate time for group members to respond to the questions before referring to these notes.

Welcome

Please make sure that all have a chance to get to know each other. If yours is a group that has been meeting for quite a while, but you have one or two new people, please remember to give them a chance to get to know the others in the group (and not just for the long-time members to get to know the newer people!)

Have fun!

Word

Again since this is the first week, you don't want to put anyone on the spot. Ask the questions and allow time for people to answer but you might end up starting the conversation for every question.

1. Go around the group and allow everyone to share what they know about investigating or investigations and how we can apply that to better understand Jesus.
2. It seems as though people around us are trying to fill their lives up with "stuff". Some people try to feel satisfied through sex, drugs, money, cars, houses, careers when the only thing that can satisfy is God.

Read John 10:1-18

3. Sheep: God's people, His children.

Shepherd: Jesus himself.

Pen: God's family, a place where they are protected by God.

Stranger: Satan.

4. Jesus is telling us that He is the way to God. That it is only because of His death and resurrection that we have access to God. He also protect us, once we are in God's pen, from those who want to harm us.
5. Go around and ask everyone to share (again remember you might have to start the conversation and don't forget the 8 second rule).
6. Jesus guides His people, without Him we are lost. Again He reminds us that like the shepherd who protects His flock, Jesus also is our rock and protection. Also, without His death on the cross, we would not have the full life we are promised.

Read John 6:25-42

7. He claims that He is from God, that if we partake of Him we will never be hungry or thirsty again. He also promises that He will never drive away anyone who comes to Him and that He will raise those who come to Him again. Finally He claims He can give eternal life.
8. They were probably confused. They did not understand Jesus was talking in spiritual terms and therefore they did not understand His message.
9. There are many different answers for this but good advice would probably tell them that when they desire to know God and to know if He is real more than anything else on this earth and they are willing to humble themselves and lay everything down for their answer that is how you hunger and thirst for God.
10. Go around and share.

Worship

Whether you sing worship songs, read and meditate upon a Psalm, our emphasis should be on complete surrender to our awesome God!

Witness:

The Life Group Mission is about Jesus working not only in us but also through us. That is what this section of the lesson is designed for. This is our opportunity to pray for and also invite others to come and join our groups as we grow closer to God. Please do not take this section lightly as we are called to spread the good news of Jesus