

Introduction

This past weekend, we tackled some tough Bible questions in our series *Asking for a Friend*, exploring the truths of Scripture in real-time. Let's dive deeper into those conversations and reflect on what we learned, how it applies to our lives, and how we can support one another as we seek understanding together.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

1. What is a relationship that has experienced troubled times in your life? How did you overcome those times?

2. When you do not know what to do, do you turn to Scripture for the answer? Why or why not?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, challenged, or impacted you from this weekend's message?

Watch the Video (5 minutes)

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

- 1. What questions, topics, or verses would you like to know more about?
 - a. Go to <u>BibleGateway.com</u> and search for the topic, phrase, or verse you want to know more about.
 - b. Read through some of the verses <u>BibleGateway.com</u> highlighted and share as a group.
- 2. Under each verse, you will see three links: In Context, Full Chapter, and Other Translations
 - a. For one of the verses:
 - i. Click on "In Context."
 - ii. Read it and share with the group how it changes your understanding of the verse standing alone.
 - b. Click on "Full Chapter."
 - i. Read the chapter and share if that helped you gain a deeper understanding.
 - c. Click on Other Translations and read a few. Then, share with the group how these other translations may present differently and if it helps you understand the original verse better.



- 3. What other tools have you used to learn more about what the Bible says about life situations? Do you have other tools for learning more about what a particular passage of Scripture means?
- 4. We all have things we struggle to understand in life, about God, and in the Bible. What challenges you?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Read aloud some of Jesus' prayer for believers in John 17:15-21

Jesus prays for us to be sanctified by his word, which is sometimes hard to navigate or understand. Ask God to reveal to you his truth and wisdom in all circumstances.

Announcements (5 minutes)

- Has your group signed up to sponsor a single-parent family this year? Check your email for information specific to your campus, and please reply if you have not yet done so.
- Christmas is coming! If you do not have a regular place you serve on the weekends, we invite you to join us and serve at Christmas Eve services. It's even more fun when you serve together as a group. You can sign up at serve.sv.cc

