

WEEKLY QUESTIONS

PURPOSE

The purpose of the weekly questions is to engage your group in an application conversation flowing from Sunday's Conversation.

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. James 1:22

We cannot simply talk about God's word, we must put it into action. These questions are designed to help you engage your group in a conversation about how we can apply tomorrow what we've talked through as a church.

WHAT A WIN LOOKS LIKE

A win is the consistent application of God's word to the lives of your group members. When stories are being shared about choices that reflect the application of our previous conversations you know that you are winning. The win is not in understanding. The win is applied, active truth.

PARAMETERS

In everything we do we understand that there are certain guidelines we need to keep in mind.

Grace: As you begin to focus on application it can be easy to fall into legalism. It is crucial that you frame application as a response to what God has done not a "work" to appease God or receive His approval.

Guilt: Working alongside legalism is guilt. There is no place for guilt in the life of a Christian. Christ has paid the price for our shortcomings. Our response to that love is trust and obedience not wallowing in guilt.

Authority: Ensure that the authority in answering the question is God's word not opinion. Bring the group back to the truth of God's word, push them to share from God's word, push them to seek God's word in the discussion.

Love: In all that we do we show love. The conversation must be drenched in love. 1 Cor. 13 tells us that we can be completely correct, but if we don't have love we're just making noise.

PRINCIPLES

Be sure to take these valuable principles into account as you plan.

Personalize: Don't simply use the questions as they are sent to you. Personalize them for your group. You will learn how to phrase them for your group, be sure to put in the time to make that happen.

Be Selective: You don't need to use all of the questions. Use the ones that you think will really engage your group.

Be Direct: Group members are not going to get specific about application unless you push them. Get down to the specifics of tomorrow. How will this change who you are at home? How will this change who you are at work?

Be Flexible: Often the conversation will call for a change in your questions plan. Be flexible. If the conversation is engaging and leading to application, go with it. Don't allow your plan to kill conversation, your plan should enhance the conversation or correct the direction.