

Week Two: Grow Together | LEADER GUIDE

Extra Information:

Small Group Weekend is September 11th. Please make sure to check in with your Small Group Pastor (or whoever oversees small groups) at your campus to check in how your group can help make that weekend happen.

Ice Breaker/Weekly Check-In

Ice Breaker - there are many things we follow like influencers on social media, families on YouTube, many different sports teams, and authors too. This question is to help your group start thinking about what they spend their time following.

Weekly Check-In Question - this question is based on the Unhurried series and to help your group members think through if they have put action of stopping something or clearing space in the calendar for God.

Weekend Recap Questions:

These questions are to spark your group member's minds back to what they heard from the weekend. Here are a few extras if you'd like to touch on these points instead of talking about Moses.

- When something is a priority in your life, how do you know?
- What is the difference between being an acquaintance with God and having an intimate relationship with God?

Scripture and Discussion Questions:

Question 1: "We live in a time where many people know who God is, who Jesus is, what the church is, or what Christianity is, but even so, they still do not know the heart of God, His desires, and the desires of His heart." (from day 2 of *Walking with God* reading plan).

Question 2: Verse 17 from Ephesians talks about "your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong." This is going to look different for each member of your group. People are going to be at different places in their walks with Christ.

Question 3: This allows space in the group to focus on how we spend our time and are we really making space in our days for God. **Start** is something you will start doing like a bible reading plan. **Stop** is something you are doing now that may be good, but isn't the best thing so you will plan to stop. An example is stop scrolling social media. **Change** is identifying an area that you are doing now, and you want to add or edit it. If someone is already reading their bible they may want to continue doing that and then also journaling their prayer as well. **Continue** is identifying you are doing something and want to continue what you are already doing. Praying before bed is an example.

Question 4: Consistency is important and making time in your week for attending church and small group will help you know God more.

Plan to hold each other accountable for group and church attendance. If it works for your group, plan to meet up at a certain service and attend together.

Question 5: Is there someone else who you could invite with you to read through scripture? Walk through a Bible reading plan together? What is going to help you succeed in pursuing God?

Question 6: When you know God intimately, it will flow into all areas of your life. Hopefully this will spark conversation where you can invite others into your journey with God.

Going Deeper: Read Matthew 28:18-20 Discuss how the Great Commission is connected to "knowing God?"

Small Group Interactive:

Provide paper and a pen for your group to write down 3 names to invite to group or church. Writing names on a note in their phone might be a great option as well.

Create space in your group to start praying for the names everyone wrote down.

Take time to plan any details for the September 11th small group weekend.

Next Steps:

Set up a Bible reading plan together. If you want to focus on growing in “Knowing God,” a great plan to journey through together is [Walking with God](#).

Going Deeper Next Step:

Plan a small group calendar for each group member to share their story of how they came to know God OR share what God is teaching them in their life right now.

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Ice Breaker Question:	Weekly Check In Question:
What is your favorite thing to follow (sports team, social media account)?	What's one thing you've said no to recently so that you could say yes to spending time with God?

Weekend Teaching Recap

This Week's Big Idea: A follower of Jesus knows God.

What do you remember most, or what stuck with you from the weekend's teaching? We learned that as Moses spent time with God, over time he had all these points along his journey he could look back on and be reminded of God's presence. What are some of those points in your life?

Scripture and Discussion Questions:

Read Ephesians 3|14-21

1. What is the difference between "Knowing God" and "Knowing of God?"
2. What does it look like for you to "Know God" and be rooted in His love?
3. What weekly rhythm could you START, STOP, CHANGE, or CONTINUE so you can grow with God?
4. Why is it important to make weekend and group attendance a priority? How can we help each other prioritize attending both church and group?
5. What would it look like to invite someone else into your journey of knowing God?
6. How does knowing God lead to going and making disciples?

Small Group Interactive: Be Open-Chair Minded

Intro: As Small Groups we are open and invitational: we want new people to come and join our groups. We call this the Open Chair. It might be a good practice to even leave an open chair in your group to remind your group to be praying about who they can invite to join the group.

Activity: Who is God placing on your heart to share His love with? Write down three people you can invite to group or church.

Begin with prayer. Start praying for God to bring people to mind that you can be inviting.

Next Steps: Daily Encounter

Intro: Challenge your group to journey through the bible this week together OR set up a calendar for the small group term for people to share their God stories or what God is doing.

Daily Reading YouVersion Plan: [Walking with God](#).