

10.30.16 Identity Discussion Questions

Leader Prep Section

Take time before your small group meeting to prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select 4-5 questions that are best suited to your group.

Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.

When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

Questions

Hook - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.

1. Share about a time what you've seen a powerful, life-giving example of authenticity.
2. Share about a time when you've seen a hurtful pursuit of authenticity.

Background

This event in Numbers occurs shortly after God has rescued His people from slavery in Egypt. God takes them to the edge of the land He has promised to give to them and instructs them to scout it out. Moses selects one leader from each of the twelve tribes to go investigate the land.

Read Numbers 13:1 – 3; 26 – 33; 14:1 - 9

Book - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.

3. Why do you think God asked the people to scout the land out?
4. Why did the 10 scouts interpret their experience of the land so differently than Caleb and Joshua did?
5. What motivated how Caleb and Joshua thought about the land? What motivated the other 10?
6. What was most real for Caleb and Joshua? What was most real for the other 10?
7. What were the consequences of the way Caleb and Joshua thought about the land? What were the consequences of how the other 10 thought about the land?

Look - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.

8. How would you describe the kind of authenticity this text invites us into?
9. How would you describe the kind of authenticity this text calls us away from?
10. How might a person use what this text teaches in a practical way? What would it look like?
11. If someone came to you saying they wanted to do or say something because it was "authentic" what questions might you ask them that come out of this text?

Took - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.

12. Which pathways of authenticity (confession, lament, thanksgiving) come most naturally to you?
13. Which pathways of authenticity (confession, lament, thanksgiving) are most difficult for you?
14. What do you feel God saying to you through this passage of Scripture?
15. What is your response?

Pray