

06.03.18 - Creed - Tim Knipp

Leader Prep Section

- Prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select a few 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.

Goal: Talk about the Holy Spirit as our here and now connection with God. Discover what it means to live life in the Spirit.

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

- What are some things that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
- What are some things you thought about or cared about before you were a Christian? How did that change when you gave your life to Jesus?

Background / Reading

Read: Romans 8:1-17

- Does anyone have any questions about this passage? Or observations that stand out to you immediately? (Remind those who share that we'll likely return to their ideas in our discussion!)

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

- Ask someone to summarize this passage, or to explain a major theme.
- What are some of the qualities of life according to the flesh? What are some of the qualities of life according to the Spirit?
- According to this passage, how does the Spirit connect us with God? (v.14-16)
- What are the benefits and responsibilities of being children of God? (v.17)

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

- What does it mean to set your mind on things of the flesh or things of the Spirit? (v.5)
- What are examples of things that the Spirit desires? (v.5)
- What does it mean to be led by the Spirit of God? (v.14)
- What do you think it looks like to live like God's children?

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

- How connected to God do you feel you are in your everyday life? What does that look like?
- Is there anything that keeps you from living in the Spirit? How can you invite the Holy Spirit into that part of your life?
(Are there ways you've been living like a functional atheist? What does that mean?)
- Who is someone you admire for their faith and connection with the Holy Spirit? How can you be more like them?

Closing

- Prayer