



RADICAL LIFE

SESSION 2 - RADICAL CELEBRATING

SERIES BIG IDEA

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MESSAGE BIG IDEA

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SCRIPTURE: JOHN 15:5-17 & 1 JOHN 4:13-19

ICEBREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT

Use this time to open your group and break the ice. The second question is designed to help groups become more comfortable with the topic of the day and to engage each other.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Read the scripture out loud and allow your group time to think through the questions. Encourage your group to engage in the questions, to be willing to say what might sound obvious or obscure. Remember that people in your group are coming from different places in their lives and could have a lot of experience talking about God or almost none at all. Make it clear that there's no wrong answer.

APPLICATION

These are simple questions, yet could have complex responses. Let your group walk through them slowly. Make sure the group feels like a safe place to be vulnerable. This might mean that you go first with sharing or that you allow people space to think and not rush them into answering before they're ready. Studies show that people need ten seconds to process a question and formulate an answer.

Enjoying God's presence might be a very strange concept. We so often fall into habits of thinking of God as a Santa Clause or a judge or a distanced parent, that enjoying God is very odd. Dig deep into this and the truth that God enjoys us in return. Truly revels in our presence too.

For the last question, encourage your group to think of practical ideas. Journaling, increasing frequency at church, reading books, taking nature walks, listening to music, or others could all be answers people think of, but don't limit them to those. Celebrating with God can take on myriad forms, be open to that.

CHALLENGE

Pick one of the verses from today's reading to dwell on this week. What could it mean in your life to bask in the love of God and embody that love to yourself as well as everyone you encounter? Pray for your group that each person would have that love and boldness in their life.