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STUDENT LIFE
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WHAT IS CHURCH GROUP GATHERING?

Church Group Gathering is how your night will end. It is yours to lead and develop. We believe this time as one, large group is vital to connect and debrief with your students. They can digest and process what the Lord is teaching them, share about their experiences with other students and leaders who will continue speaking into their lives and then have a time of prayer.

We want to serve you in any way we can. If you need anything to make your Church Group Gathering time successful, please do not hesitate to ask!

Our prayer is that your Church Group Gathering each night fosters deep community, healthy accountability and a clearer view of Jesus for your students.

CHURCH GROUP GATHERING IDEAS

We believe Church Group Gathering is most effective when you are able to tailor it specifically for your group. Because of that, we do not provide any formal curriculum. We won't leave you hanging though! Here are some ideas.

PRO TIP: Whether you use some of these ideas or do your own thing, come to Church Group Gathering with a plan

TIME OF SHARING

Let students talk about their camp or life experience. Ask them what they are learning from Bible study, quiet time, the camp pastor or band, etc.

CHALLENGE FROM STUDENT PASTOR

Use this distraction-free opportunity to personally challenge or encourage your students.

PRAYER OR ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNERS

Intentionally connect students so they can pray together and for one another.

LATE NIGHT SNACKS

There's something special about breaking bread together... especially when there are cookies. Reminder, please keep your meeting space clean!

EXTENDED WORSHIP

Let your students or adults bring their instruments and lead this time.

AFFIRMATION TIME

Allowing students, adults, or even just you to speak affirmation can deliver a tremendous life impact. There are a variety of ways you can do this. One way is to write each student's name on a piece of paper and have everyone rotate throughout the room writing encouraging words for the person whose name is on the paper.

GIRLS' AND GUYS' NIGHT

Host a gender-specific time of sharing and prayer. Plan fun activities that you know your guys and girls will like!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Group Gathering is a time for you and your students to be in the same place with minimal distractions. It's the perfect time to share specific announcements for your group, go over the schedule, or remind students of travel logistics towards the end of camp.

PRO TIP: Save announcements for the end of your Church Group Gathering.

CONNECT WITH STUDENT LIFE STAFF

Ask one or more of our staff to share their heart and stories with your group.

SENIOR NIGHT

Your senior's last time attending camp is a special time. This can be a cool time to honor them and have them speak to the group. Towards the end, have them commission the juniors to be leaders in the coming year.



PRAYER ACTIVITY

Revivals and large moves of God throughout history have all been preceded by prayer. We want to be a people who prepare the way for God to move by praying in faith! Below are some prayer prompts we have created that complement the main points from the Bible Study.

You can ask your students to pray, journal, reflect, etc. on these prompts. Ask if anyone would like to lead a prayer for each prompt before moving to the next.

Use these in conjunction with some of the ideas above to help get the most out of your Church Group Gathering. But remember, these are just tools to equip you, if needed. Feel free to use this time however you feel will best fit your group!

DAY 1 – GOD OF REVIVAL

Focus Verse:

Jesus spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

Intercession

Pray that Jesus would be the light of the world.

Ideas:

Pray for specific nations around the world to know Jesus as Savior and King

Use a map or globe as you pray, if available.

If your church has sent missionaries to work long-term in the nations, you could pray for those nations specifically

If you have students in your group who have ties to different nations (family, ministry calling, etc.), you could ask them to share a little bit about the country and spend time praying for God to be worshiped there.

DAY 2 – REVIVAL IN MY LIFE

Focus Verse:

"This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—and I am the worst of them." - 1 Timothy 1:15

Intercession

Spend time thanking Jesus for making a way for you to be saved from your sin

Ideas:

Pray scripture about Jesus' sacrifice for us; read scripture back to God as prayer and thank Him as you pray
Matthew 27:32-56
Psalm 103:2-5
Revelation 5

Write out your testimony. What was your life like before you met Jesus? When did you decide to follow him? What is different now? Pray thanking God for the story of revival He has given you

Leader note:

This could be a great opportunity to connect with students who haven't yet made a decision to follow Jesus

If students have made decisions to follow Jesus, this could be an opportunity to help them take the next step in their walk with Jesus by talking with them about being baptized.

Day 3 – Revival in My Community

Focus Verse:

"When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the man, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." - Luke 5: 20

Intercession

Pray for God to bring revival in your community!



Ideas:

Divide the room into different neighborhoods, schools or areas of your community. Have the students move through the room to pray for everyone who lives/works in those areas to know Jesus!

Spend a moment asking God, "Who is someone I know who doesn't have a relationship with you that I can begin consistently praying to come to know you?"

IMB Night:

Tomorrow night there will be a time in the evening service for your students and leaders to give to the work the International Mission Board is doing to bring the Gospel to Ethiopia.

Remind your students of the offering happening tomorrow night and the need to bring the Gospel to the nations.

IMB FOCUS

For the last century, Ethiopia has faced trauma, famine, and war. Amid these challenges is a great need for the gospel. Among the various people groups throughout Ethiopia and its neighboring countries, nearly half still have no gospel witness among them. We want to see Jesus known and worshiped among these unreached and unengaged peoples.

While Ethiopia faces great challenges, there is a growing church among them as well. We are encouraged that there are believers in some of the underreached people groups as well as some healthy churches among these peoples.

Our hope is to empower and equip national believers to reach the unreached peoples of the Horn of Africa on their way to reaching the world. We believe that a part of the Revelation 7:9 vision is to invest in Ethiopian believers as they research, strategize, and are trained to serve the unreached unengaged people groups (UUPGs) of the Horn of Africa.

Day 4 – Revival in My Generation

Focus Verse:

"Praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." - Acts 2:47

Intercession

- Pray for God to bring revival in your generation!
- Pray for God to bring the Gospel to Ethiopia!

Ideas:

Divide the room into different neighborhoods, schools or areas of your community. Have the students move through the room to pray for everyone who lives/works in those areas to know Jesus!

Spend a moment asking God, "Who is someone I know who doesn't have a relationship with you that I can begin consistently praying to come to know you?"

Have the students write down "labels" that their generation is known for, positive or negative (ex: anxiety, depression, suicide, avid gamers, nostalgic, creative). Then, have students ask God what He says about their generation (ex: scripture reference, encouraging word, something that is edifying and encouraging). Have them write down these new labels and destroy the old labels.

Have students pray in their groups pray for God to bring peace and stability to the Ethiopia region.

Remind them that the Gospel is their greatest need and that He would send laborers to share the Good News of Jesus. (Luke 10:2)