



I Know a Guy | 2-26-25

LARGE GROUP GAME: Pull Across

We'll play a game in the Hub gathering area called Pull Across.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (45 minutes)

We recently finished up the last week of our teaching series called I Know a Guy (that guy being Jesus). Remember, this series looks at the characteristics of Jesus. Tonight, we're talking about how he is hard to offend.

Introduction

1. What is something you hate to wait for?
2. Would you consider yourself to be a patient person? Why or why not?
3. Who is the kindest person you know? What makes them so kind?

He Is Hard to Offend

Jesus was patient and kind to EVERYONE. He didn't treat his enemies differently than he did his disciples. He didn't get revenge on those who mistreated him. Even during his final moments on Earth, as he was hanging on the cross, he asked God to forgive the people who crucified him.

1. Read John 1:45-51.
 - a. What was Nathanael's first reaction to what Philip told him? How does Philip respond?
 - b. How would you have reacted if someone talked about you in this way?
 - c. What does Jesus say to Nathanael as he approaches him? Why do you think John included this in his writing?
 - i. What can you learn from this interaction between Nathanael and Jesus?
2. Not only was Jesus patient and kind during his time on Earth, he is still patient and kind with today! Even when we mess up and sin, Jesus wants a relationship with us.
 - a. In 1 Timothy 1:16 we see Jesus showing patience toward Paul, who referred to himself as the "worst sinner."
 - i. How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus shows patience and kindness to EVERYONE?
 - ii. What might make it difficult for you to show patience and kindness to others? Are there certain people you are more patient/kind toward than others? Why?
 - iii. How can you show patience and kindness to someone this week?

*Our number one goal for tonight is **for students to understand how Jesus showed patience and kindness toward EVERYONE.***

JOHN 1:45-51

45 Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth." 46 "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see for yourself," Philip replied. 47 As they approached, Jesus said, "Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity." 48 "How do you know about me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, "I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you." 49 Then Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!" 50 Jesus asked him, "Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." 51 Then he said, "I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth."

HIGH/LOW/GOD THING (15 minutes)

Depending on group size, you might split into even smaller (shepherding) groups for this. Have each student go around and identify a highlight of their week, a low point from their week and where they have seen God show up in their week. This time is to help them see God around them, to celebrate when something goes well and for them to be supported when they have had a rough week. If you're short on time, let them choose one of those three to share.

PRAY

Encourage one student to pray for the group, specifically that each member would model Jesus' example of patience and kindness this week.