



What You Didn't Know Was Worship – Bible and prayer | 3-19-25

LARGE GROUP GAME: Scrambled Bible Verse Relay

We'll go to the gym. Each grade/gender will split into teams. At one end of the gym will be a Bible verse with each word cut out and scrambled.

The first person in line runs down, grabs a word, and brings it back to the group. The next person goes while the rest of the group tries to correctly decode the Bible verse.

1 Corinthians 9:24: Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize?

*Our number one goal tonight is for students to **pray out loud and for each other during group time.***

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.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (45 minutes)

Bible

On Sunday, we started a series called What You Didn't Know Was Worship. This first, we talked about the Bible and prayer as they are some of the most common ways we worship.

1. What are some of your biggest questions about the Bible (i.e. Where did it come from? How do we know it's real? Is it actually what God said? etc.)
2. What is your experience with the Bible? Do you read it a lot? Do you have a Bible? Do you know how to use one?
 - a. If a student doesn't have a Bible, reach out to Drew and Chris! If they don't know how to use their Bible, offer to help teach them!
3. Hebrews 4:12 says God's Word (the Bible) is living, active, and sharper than any two-edged sword. What do you think that means?

Prayer

1. What is your experience with prayer?
 - a. Do you pray often? Before bed? Before meals?
2. Have someone in the group read Luke 11:1-4, 9-10.
3. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. This is known as the Lord's Prayer. This isn't the exact prayer we have to pray all of the time, though. This is more of a "template" for our prayers when we don't know what to say.

LUKE 11:1-4, 9-10

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

² He said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation...

⁹ "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

PRAY

End your time together by praying. To start, go around in a circle and have each person pray this:

"God, thank you for ____." When everyone has done that, have each group member share one or two prayer requests. Then, have the person sitting to their left pray for them when they are done sharing. Go around and make sure each group member shares at least one prayer request (it can be something as simple as "prayers for life"). To finish, have a leader pray out loud over the entire group.