

Talk With Somebody About Jesus Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. What is a subject that you are very knowledgeable about, but which others may not know you are knowledgeable about?
2. What is one of your most vivid childhood memories?

Read the following passage: Read Acts 4:13-20; Luke 1:1-4.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. What does Luke claim about the historicity of his Gospel? Why is this significant? Would the Christian faith be undermined if it could be shown that the key events recorded in the Gospels (such as Jesus' miracles and resurrection) never took place? Explain. (See, for example, 1 Corinthians 15:12-19.)
2. Why do you think many people dispute the historical nature of the contents of the Gospels? What would you say to someone who says something like, "I'm not interested in the New Testament because I don't believe in fairy tales?"
3. Do you think followers of Jesus have a responsibility to talk to other people about Jesus? Explain.
4. Read Mark 15:42-47. Mark indicates that Joseph went boldly to Pilate. In what sense did Joseph's actions require boldness? (Consider, for example, the alleged crime for which Jesus was being crucified by the Romans. See Mark 15:2.) In your own experience, does it require boldness to begin a conversation with other people about Jesus? Explain.
5. What are some relevant ways you can begin conversations about Jesus with other people?
6. Can you summarize the Gospel message?
7. What components of your own spiritual journey or testimony of salvation might be relevant to other people?
8. Who is someone you can talk with about Jesus this week?

Pray