



GROUP OPENERS

Your weekly lesson has an ice-breaker question that is specifically oriented toward the accompanying lesson.

On occasion, though, you might want to begin with a “processing” question and just “see where it leads.” Beginning your group with one of these questions is a great way to give everyone an opportunity to minister to one another as each person responds to the question.

Below are variations of basically the same question. They are designed to help your group process the previous week. To avoid a predictable routine, occasionally begin your group with one of the more general, “get-to-know-you” questions, or use the ice-breaker provided in your weekly lesson.

“Processing” Questions:

1. The highlight of the past week for me was....
The lowlight was....
2. What was the most significant thing that happened in your life this past week?
3. Using weather terminology, how would you describe your week—stormy, sunny, partly cloudy...?
4. The biggest challenge I faced this week was....
5. One thing I found myself appreciating this past week was....
6. If I could do one thing over this past week, I would change....
7. A word or phrase that describes what has been happening with me since our last meeting is....
8. My favorite day this week was...because....
9. The best way for me to describe last week is....

“Get-to-know-you” Questions:

1. Two experiences that I’m thankful I had this last year are....
2. Lately, during idle moments, my mind seems to drift back predictably to....
3. Before becoming a Christian, my biggest misconception about God was....
4. People might be surprised to find out that I....
5. My favorite comic strip is....
6. Share one of your strengths and one of your weaknesses.
7. Describe a typical Tuesday of your life....



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8. My favorite leisure activity is....
9. My greatest disappointment....
10. The hardest thing I have ever done...
11. My favorite movie of all time is...
12. My idea of a great vacation is....
13. Two of my pet peeves are....
14. My favorite food is...
15. The greatest challenge I have ever faced is....
16. One thing I really appreciate about my spouse (or close friend) is....
17. The toughest period of my life was....
18. While growing up I saw God as....
19. One thing I have learned about myself in the past year is....
20. One thing I have learned about God in the past year is....
21. Before I die, I would like to....
22. The one aspect of my spiritual life I would like to strengthen is....
23. One character quality I would like to develop is....
24. My favorite childhood memory is....
25. If I could change one thing about myself, I'd change....
26. Since our group began, I have been unexpectedly pleased with....
27. What is the most memorable gift you ever received as a child?
28. What is the most daring thing you have ever done? What made it so daring?
29. The thing I value most in a friendship is....
30. What is something you've recently learned about yourself?

Additional group openers and share questions can be found in *Leading Life-Changing Small Groups*, pp. 108-111.