

DCCYC 2020 Jr. High Discussion Questions

1. Can you see that God is trying to get your attention? (Thursday Morning)
 - In the story of Hosea, who are the main characters and what do their names mean??
 - Read Hosea chapter 1 and 3 together as a group.
 - What can make a person feel like they do not deserve to be loved?
 - How is God trying to get your attention? Like Hosea pursued Gomer, think of some ways that God is pursuing you?
 - What are some things that prevent us from receiving attention from God?
 - If you were to sum up the biggest take away that you got from this session, what would it be?

2. Can you see that God is a good designer? (Thursday Evening)
 - Why did God keep bringing the army's number down before they faced the Midianites?
 - Gideon was part of the weakest clan in Manasseh. He was a fearful, uncertain, anxious believer. What are some things that make it hard for us to trust God?
 - God has designed each person uniquely and in His image. What are some ways that God has used you for His glory?
 - What are some ways that prevent us from looking at someone and seeing them as a good design of God? How can we love these people better?
 - What are some cycles of sin that people go through? (Addictions? Habits? Temptations? Etc...) Are there any cycles that you feel like you cannot break?
 - If you were to sum up the biggest take away that you got from this session, what would it be?

3. Can you see that God is powerful? (Friday Morning)
 - According to Jewish tradition, what are the steps required to perform an exorcism?
 - Jesus was met by Legion, a group of demons. Christians all across the world have similarly been met by both demons and angels. Have you or anyone you know ever had an experience with the spiritual realm?
 - Why might it be hard for someone to believe in miracles if they have never seen them done before?
 - If you were to fully describe to someone who has never heard of Jesus before, what would you say?
 - God has given all believers the power and authority to be a witness to the world. Who is someone who you know who does not know Jesus? What can you do today to share the good news with them? Do you feel responsible for telling others about the Gospel message?
 - If you were to sum up the biggest take away that you got from this session, what would it be?

4. Can you see that God wants what is best for His creation? (Friday Evening)
 - Why do you think that the father let the younger son leave him even though he knew it would be a bad decision?
 - Read Luke 15:11-32. Does the father love the older son or the younger son more? Is one more easy to love?
 - How could it be that a good God would let something bad happen and it still be considered “His best for you?”
 - Part of God’s best work in us is in how He has provided special people in our lives to point us to Him. Is there anyone like this in your life that you can think of?
 - If someone finds God’s people, they should also find God’s provision. How will you show God’s provision to someone tomorrow?
 - If you were to sum up the biggest take away that you got from this session, what would it be?

5. Can you see that God is making all things new? (Saturday Morning)
 - If you were to tell the tale of Paul’s life in one sentence, what would it sound like?
 - Read Jeremiah 29:11-13. What does this verse mean to you?
 - How is God making things new in your life? Are there spaces in your life where you need a God-sized miracle to heal you?
 - What does it mean to abandon the old life and take on the new self? Ephesians 4:22-24.
 - How do you know that someone has been made new and is a new creation in Christ?
 - List some things in the world where you can see brokenness. Take some time to pray for these things.
 - If you were to sum up the biggest take away that you got from this session, what would it be?

6. Can you see that God is love? (Saturday Evening)
 - Why would someone want to go to heaven? How does someone have assurance that they will be with God in eternity?
 - What prevents us from seeing that God actually cares about us?
 - Close your eyes and imagine the person that you love most in the world. If someone told you to tie them up, put them on a bed of wood and to sacrifice them. Would you do it?
 - Do you actually believe that God loves you?
 - What does it look like for adults to love God? What does it look like for little kids to love God? What does it look like for you to love God?
 - Who is Jesus to you? Is there anyone who has never had a relationship with Him and feels the tug to start one with Him after this week?

- If you were to sum up the biggest take away that you got from this session, what would it be?