



Not a Fan- Week 2

HIGH SCHOOL AND ADULT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**GROUP PREP**

In preparation for group, [watch Emmanuel's weekend service message](#), then answer the following discussion questions.

SOCIAL TIME (15-30 minutes)

Have an ice-breaker ready, eat a snack together, and/or go around the circle asking your group members to share any news since your last meeting, if your group is continuing from last semester. Be intentional in helping your group members get to know one another during this time and make it fun.

Ice-Breaker suggestion: See who has the most bible knowledge by playing a round of [bible trivia](#).

CHECK-IN TIME (15-30 minutes)

Talk about what you did last week to complete your action step.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (45-60 minutes)

We are all a fan of something. To be a fan is to be an enthusiastic admirer. We are fans of sports teams, bands, restaurants, and even people. Yet when it comes to our faith, we cannot settle on fandom. Without recognition, we end up treating our faith like we do all the other things in our life; we are interested until it is not convenient, fun, or easy. Jesus doesn't invite us to be his fan, but to be his follower.

1. What are you most knowledgeable about? Why did you decide to learn so much about that topic?
 - Are you knowledgeable about how to make a TikTok, antique cars, Michael Jordan stats, personal finance practices, or Purdue basketball?

On a scale of 1-10, one being you know nothing and ten being you know all there is to know, how would you rate your knowledge of Jesus?

2. We have 1440 minutes in each day. How many of those minutes do you **routinely** spend in prioritized time with Jesus?

As Pastor Danny shared this past weekend, knowledge does not equal intimacy. Is the time you are spending with Jesus helping you know *about* Jesus, or creating intimacy to truly *know* Jesus?

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3. “Ginosko” in Greek translates “to know through personal experiences”. Read [Philippians 3:10](#). When we meet with Jesus daily, and stay with Him consistently, we open the door to not only learn about Him, but to create intimacy. With that, we experience Him through the highs and lows of our life.

Share with the group how you have personally experienced Jesus in your life?

How differently would you respond to the stresses, worries, and troubles through the day if you were experiencing those troubles with Jesus, not just with knowledge?

4. Read [Psalm 16:8](#). When we move from fan to follower of Jesus we become unshakable, but to remain that way we have to create and maintain intimacy with God every day. What do you need to do this week to increase your intimacy with God?

ACTION STEP (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the following or create your own.

- **Prayer:** Establish time in intentional communication with God. Consider using the [Lectio 365](#) app to aid you in your time in prayer.
- **Read a book:** Read [Practicing His Presence by Brother Lawrence](#) or [Not a Fan by Kyle Idleman](#)
- **Journal:** Try identifying one specific thing that stands out to you during your daily time with God and expand on that in your journal.
- **Memorize scripture:** Try one of the verses from this weekend’s message. [Philippians 3:10](#), [Psalms 16:8](#), [John 15:4](#), [Mark 1:35](#), or [Matthew 7:21](#)
- **Music:** Take on a challenge to only listen to Worship Music this week and continually setting your mind on Jesus. Try one of these playlists on [Spotify](#), [Apple Music](#), or [YouTube](#).
- **Daily time with God-** Determine the type of routine you’d like to have that allows you to spend time learning about what pleases God. Here are some ways to do this:
 - [Download the Emmanuel app](#) and read the One Year New Testament daily.
 - [Download the YouVersion app](#) and find a devotion you can do daily. You can even decide to do one as a group to encourage one another as you do the daily readings.
 - If you recently placed your faith in Christ and texted SAVED to 65248, read the devotional provided in your starter kit.



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PRAYER (5-10 minutes)

Ask your group to share two things

1. Prayer requests for themselves and the people in their lives.
2. Ask also for any reason to praise, it is great to come to God in thanksgiving for all He has done.

Keep note of the burdens in people's life and notice when God moves in those areas specifically. We believe God will see prayers become praise and it is an opportunity to increase our faith when we are in the position to bring that to light.

GROUP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

To determine how your group can serve together in the surrounding community, email Breanne Schafer, Emmanuel's Associate Outreach Director, at bschafer@eclife.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 22 and 23 | Communion

January 27 | 1824

January 29 | Bins to the Brims outreach project begins

You can find more information on all of these events at eclife.org.