

CHRIST CENTERED COMMUNITY (C3) HOMEWORK

“Edifying the body by embracing the grace of the Spirit to live out the love of the Son in fellowship that glorifies the Father”



Red = Advice, tips, or guidance on the question

Blue = A possible answer to the question

Green = Additional question you could ask

WARM UP

(These icebreaker questions are designed to help your group feel comfortable with one another and begin the process of forming deep relationships. Feel free to use any other “get to know you” questions you want with your group.)

1. What is one thing that makes you totally unique from everyone else in the room ?
2. If you were a kitchen appliance, which one would you be and why?
3. If you could have dinner with any person alive in the world today, who would that be?
4. If you could *talk story* with any person in the Bible (besides Jesus), who would it be?
5. Imagine this scenario: You are checking out at Friendly Market on a Friday (with a line behind you all the way down the cereal aisle), and the Aunty at the cash register says to you: "I've seen you at some of those MBC events. How did you become a Christian? And why?" What do you say to her (before everyone in the line behind you gets mad that you are taking too long)?

(This question is basically aimed at getting people to share their 3 minute testimony of how they came to receive Jesus as their Lord, Savior, and Treasure. This may be a good question to ask specific people to answer who you know would be comfortable sharing.)

DIGGING DEEPER

6. What comes to your mind first when you think about God?

Your first thoughts about God will probably indicate what you think is most important or valuable about God.

7. What things do you think about more than God?

(This is a more sensitive question. You may want to be careful who you ask to answer this)

What you think about most is your god! What you spend the most time thinking about indicates what you care about the most or consider the most valuable. If you devote (intentionally or unintentionally) more time to thinking about something else than to thinking about God and godly things then that other thing is an idol for you.

8. Do you have any ideas or views of God that you know or doubt are Biblical (true)?

Why do you tend to hold onto that idea if it is not Biblical?

9. What is the greatest "stronghold" in your thoughts? What Bible verse can you use to "tear down" that stronghold?

A stronghold is a thought pattern or worldview that prevents you from thinking about God accurately or truthfully. Here are some verses to fight against common strongholds:

Anxiety - Phil 4:4-7

Guilt - Rom 8:1-2/Lam 3:22

Slavery to Sin - Rom 6:11,14

Fear - Isa 41:10

Hopelessness - Isa 40:31

Self-Sufficiency - 2 Cor 9:8/Acts 17:25

10. Read Psalm 86:11-12. How does the Psalmist say he can have right thoughts about God?

God must teach him the truth before he can walk in it or live according to it. God is the one who opens eyes (Ps 119:18) and inclines hearts (Ps 119:36) to be awakened to the truth. Apart from God teaching us, we cannot know Him accurately.

What are the results of knowing the truth about God?

A united heart that fears (Fixate, Engage, Aim to Know, Rightly Value) God and praises God, and ultimately right knowledge of God (truth) leads to God being glorified.