

Mentor/Student Discussion Guide

12 Disciples

January 2023

*Your goals in your time together today are check in with one another and to discuss the ministry of Jesus' first disciples.

*Remember that kids this age are at various levels in their ability to grasp abstract concepts and that you are not expected to have all the answers.

*Today you will need a pencil, paper, and a Connect Bible.

*It is just as important for youth to get to know mentors as it is for mentors to get to know youth. Both mentor and student should answer the questions for one another.

*Neither person should be made to feel that they should share more than they are comfortable sharing.

*You do not need to make sure you have answered every question listed below. They are provided merely as a way to guide your discussion. Neither should you feel limited to these questions.

*You will not be reporting answers to anyone. If it is helpful to write answers or take notes, feel free to do so knowing that it is not necessary.

*Please take a moment to pray together at the beginning of your time together. You may pray your own prayer or use the following (spoken by one person or both together).

O God, thank you for the life and ministry of Jesus first disciples. Help us to live as your disciples every day. Give us grace to set a good example for our families and friends. Empower us to share your grace and love in all we say and do. Amen

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Check in

*Check in about any events that have happened since or conversation from the last time you met, including the holidays and getting back to school.

*Each person share a high and a low (something good and something no-so-good that happened) from the previous week.

VIDEO

*What surprised you about the video? About the disciples?

*Do the disciples remind you of yourself in any way? How?

*What message do you think Jesus was sending by not choosing a "dream team" of followers?

BIBLE

*Read Mark 1:16-20; 2:13-17; 3:13-19.

-Complete the activity at the bottom of page 1119 in the Connect Bible.

*Read Luke 9:1-6.

-What do you think would have been the most difficult part of the disciples' mission? Why?

-What do you think would have been the most exciting part of the disciples' mission? Why?

*Read Mark 10:32-45.

-How do you think Jesus felt when James and John came to him with their request?

-How do you think you would have responded to Jesus' announcement about his upcoming death and resurrection?

*Read Acts 1:6-14

-What do you imagine you would have been thinking if you were among the disciples at Jesus' ascension?

-How will the disciples' lives be different from this point on?

FURTHER DISCUSSION

*How do you imagine the disciples were feeling during and after Jesus' crucifixion? After they found out that he had been raised from the dead?

*How did the 12 disciples change over the course of their lives and ministry?

*Which do you think is tougher: to have lived Jesus' life or to live as his disciple?

*Would you describe yourself as a disciple of Jesus? Why or why not? What do you think disciples are called to do in 2017?

*What difference does it make in your own life of faith to know that Jesus chooses imperfect people to follow him?

FOR FUN

*How many of the 12 disciples can you name without looking them up?