

Create



✔ Prepare in Advance

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- Provide pens/pencils and paper for the writing option or keep an ongoing journal for participants to return to or take home each week.
- Provide and keep a collection of art supplies for each week including but not limited to: crayons, chalk, color pencils, markers, glue, tissue paper, colored construction paper, paint brushes, watercolors, finger paints, scissors, and a variety of scrapbooking paper and old magazines.
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

✔ Breath of God

Ask someone to read John 1:43-51 out loud. Then, show the *Bible Background Video*.

Say: In this passage, Jesus calls Nathanael and Philip. Philip is skeptical at first, but Jesus takes time to address his questions and Nathanael is willing to listen. Even today, we have difficult questions about faith and life. Sometimes, we are around other people who ask questions that make us uncomfortable. During our time today, you have a chance to ask some of those questions. As we see in today's passage, it is totally okay to have questions. God is patient and helps even the biggest skeptic seek answers.

Invite each participant to choose either the Writing or Visual approach and spend the next 20-25 minutes with that experience.

✔ Create—Writing

Have participants reflect upon the Scripture and their own questions for God. Have participants write down their questions. If students are writing in a personal journal, encourage them to rewrite their questions in individual pieces of paper for the Share activity.

✔ Create—Visual

Have participants reflect upon the Scripture and their own questions for God. Invite participants to create a collage about their questions for God using pictures from old magazines.

✔ Share

Call the group together. Ask participants to hang their questions and collages all together on a wall in the room to create a group mural of the questions that the group faces.

✔ Close

Close with prayer.

(After the session, consider finding a way to share the creations of the group- post pictures on Facebook, on a church website, or in a portfolio/frames kept either in a public place in the church or in your group's special gathering place).

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