

Youth



✔ Prepare in Advance

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- Retrieve, review, and have ready the video's listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

✔ Skepticism

Show the *Groundhog Day* movie clip and use the following questions to facilitate discussion.

- Why did Rita have good reason to doubt Phil's claim? Do you think his actions gave her proof? Why or why not?
- Has anyone ever heard an outrageous claim that made you skeptical? Explain.
- Are you usually skeptical of something that seems to good to be true? Why or why not?
- Have you ever met someone who was skeptical about the good news of Jesus Christ? Explain.
- Why might someone be skeptical about the gospel? Does it sound to good to be? Why or why not? How might they become convinced?
- Do you think the gospel is more about a convincing story or a personal experience? Explain. Which is harder to doubt? Why?

✔ Promises

Read John 1:43-51 and use the following questions to facilitate discussion.

- How is Nathanael skeptical of Philip's news? Why might he have been prejudiced against people from Nazareth?
- How was Nathanael convinced that Jesus was who Philip claimed him to be? What promises did Jesus make to Nathanael?
- Show the *Bible Background Video* for this session.

✔ Proof

- Why do you think Jesus was not angry over Nathanael's skepticism? Do you think God gets angry when people don't believe in God? Why or why not?
- Show the *Bruce Almighty* movie clip.
- How does this clip describe what we have been talking about? Do you think this is similar or

different to the way God handles our doubt? Explain.

- If you had the opportunity to ask God any question, what would it be? Do you think these questions show a lack of faith? Why or why not?
- Do you think Bruce will doubt God after this encounter? Why or why not? Do you think Bruce will still have questions for God after this encounter?
- How do our questions help us to know God better?
- There are questions that we use to walk away from God and questions that we can use to draw us closer to God. What is the difference to you?

Close with prayer.

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