4 Facts: God

Jesus is God, so we should respect Him and listen to what He says

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Group Discussion Flow

connect with needs

- Find out how they are doing. Ask also how their ***action to take*** and ***person to tell*** went last week.
- Pray for wisdom from God for the session.
- Start by stating: *"Sometimes things happen that seem beyond human power or explanation."*

  Then, surface experiences:

  "Let me tell you how I have experienced this."

  "Tell us how you have experienced this."
- Transition to the Bible by saying, *"The life of Jesus on earth 2000 years ago contained many evidences that He was God – living beyond human power or explanation."*

hear what God says

- Read (or tell) a Bible story/passage related to the topic.

  Choices:

  Mark 1:29–34 (story)
  Mark 6:35–44 (story)
  Mark 16:1–8 (story)

  Two of these passages may be enough to cover in one session.

  Commentary:

  Mark 1:29–34 — Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law and a large number of others as well. The demons mentioned apparently knew He was God.

  Mark 6:35–44 — Jesus miraculously multiplied the five loaves and two fish to become enough to feed a very large crowd and still have a considerable amount of leftovers.

  Mark 16:1–8 — Jesus had died a few days before. Three women went to His tomb to honor Him with a proper burial, but they were told that He had risen from the dead. Shortly afterwards, He appeared to one of the women.

- Discuss each passage using the following questions, or the alternate questions below:

  What do you think this passage teaches us?

  What can we learn about God or our response to God?

  How do you think this passage relates to the statement we discussed earlier: "Sometimes things happen that seem beyond human power or explanation"?

apply that to life

- State the main lesson: *"Jesus is God, so we should respect Him and listen to what He says."* Have them write the ***lesson learned*** on their Mini-Journal card.
- Discuss:
  What are some things that keep us from treating Jesus with the respect He deserves?

  What is one action you can take this week to respect Jesus more?
- Have them write down their specific ***action to take.*** Then in groups of two or three, have them share what action they plan to take. Finally, have them pray for one another.

tell someone they know

- Ask whom they know who might be interested in hearing about what they are learning.
- Have them write the name after ***person to tell.*** Then, in groups of two or three, have them share whom they plan to tell. Finally, have them pray for one another.
- Encourage them to tell those people in the next few days.

notes and preparation checklist

pray

- ☐ Pray for wisdom.
- ☐ Pray for group members.

connect

- ☐ Think of a good personal example to share.
- ☐ Decide when and how to transition from **connect** to **hear.**

notes and preparation checklist

hear

Alternate questions to ask:

- ☐ Mark 1:29–34

  What are some evidences here that Jesus was more than a mere human being?
- ☐ Mark 6:35–44

  If you were one of Jesus' disciples watching this miracle happen, what might you be thinking about Jesus?
- ☐ Mark 16:1–8

  Here is an even greater miracle: Jesus rose from the dead. In light of all three of these passages, ask…

  Since Jesus demonstrated God-like, supernatural qualities, what would be some appropriate responses to whatever He asks of us?

notes and preparation checklist

apply

- ☐ Decide when and how to transition from **hear** to **apply.**
- ☐ Be prepared to encourage people to a specific action step. Have an example in mind.
- ☐ Print God Mini Journal.

notes and preparation checklist

tell

- ☐ Encourage people to do this despite their natural tendency not to.
- ☐ Look for group members who **tell** easily. They may be good at leading their own group soon.