

GOSPEL: Kingdom Come Leader MC Guide

Week 1: Gospel Fluency

Example Timing for evening:

@ 7:00 People arrive, are greeting, mingling while dinner is finalized

@ 7:10-15 Dinner

@ 7:55 Transition to living room / space to converse

@ 8:00-8:55 Discussion

@ 9:00 Dismiss / hangout / post party

Introductions

To start us off, we are going to go around the room and I want everyone to say “your name,” “where you are in life” (working, school, etc) and “If you could be fluent in any language, what language would you be fluent in and why?” (You start, then go around the room sharing clockwise or counter-clockwise. Do NOT popcorn here. We want everyone to speak so they feel comfortable talking, and we want it to end back with you so you can then launch into the first question).

Cast Vision

1. Tonight, we hope you experience deep community and actually maybe even start to build a family
2. This is a safe place for us to explore God and process things together.

Tonight, as we process and share together, here are the rules:

Number 1: There is NO judgement

- Everyone in the room is in a different place on their spiritual journey. Some of us love Jesus and some of us are still figuring out what we believe about Him.
- So we listen well & instead of giving advice or correcting each other, we share examples from our own lives

Number 2: We talk about Jesus often (because we think He is pretty awesome)

60 Second Recap (Do NOT read- speak from you heart)

This spring, CBC College + is walking through a series about the gospel. The hope for us over the next 8 weeks, is that we would learn more about what the gospel is, and how it impacts our lives in the day to day. This begins by immersing ourselves in the culture and story of the gospel that we might become fluent. We believe this begins by identifying what unbelief is, who Jesus is, and what being fluent looks like. And that’s what we are going to talk about tonight...

Conversation (Remember // the goal isn't to get through all the questions but to take people on a journey. Trust the Holy Spirit) - Remember that not everyone will be a believer nor will have read the guide; try articulating questions in a way that is accessible to the various backgrounds in your group, and is natural for you as the facilitator. Don't feel pressure to ask all of the questions, the point isn't to get through them all, but to foster genuine conversation. If all you do is sit in question one and Jesus is moving, that is a win!

1. Based on the readings this week or on your previous experiences, how would you define unbelief, the idea that everyone is an unbeliever?

2. How would you define being fluent in the gospel?

A key concept from Reading #3 is this: "Language fluency requires immersion into a community of people who speak the language constantly. Gospel fluency requires immersion into a community of people so saturated with the gospel of Jesus Christ that they just can't stop speaking the truths of Jesus wherever they go and in whatever situations they find themselves."

3. What would you say that our community fluent in? What is the "language" that we speak?

4. What are some barriers, temptations, and lies that may exist both personally and as a family that keep us from believing God (being gospel fluent)? Where do we not believe God?

5. Are there any commitments we can make together in light of this, as we pursue "gospel immersion" together? What would it look like for our community to move from unbelief to belief?

6. In what ways do we need the truth and power of the gospel to help make us a community that overcomes barriers, talks about Jesus, speaks truth in love to each other, and grows together?

7. Based on the readings, your experiences this week or our discussion, in a sentence, if Jesus were to speak to you, what would he be saying?

8. If that is what Jesus were to say to you, are there any actions that need to be taken today or this week either individually or as a community?

60 Second Wrap up- (Do NOT read)

Tonight has been amazing, thank you so much for being brave and for sharing your thoughts. This has been incredible. We love hearing your different perspectives and learning more about where you've been. We believe that God loves you and longs for you to become fluent in the

gospel, that the filter through which you see the world around you would begin to change. Our hope is that each of us, regardless of where we are on our spiritual journey would begin to move from unbelief to belief. I really love getting to do life with you guys!

Well, real quick, I'm going to talk to God and thank Him for this incredible night, I want you to know that if you need prayer for anything specific, please feel free to come share this with me or _____ before you leave here tonight and we would love to pray for you.
(Pray for them! Be brief and not overly-spiritual / Christianese)

Leader Tips //

- Plan a follow up "Hang out" to invite people to Ex: Movie night, bowling, trip to the Pearl. This gives an instant invite and really helps foster community
- Between you and the team, try to get everyone's number, casually and organically and NOT with a sign up sheet before they leave
- Try to have coffee with new people and get to know their story, it's not about events but about the individual
- Memorize the questions. Write the questions in your journal if you think you may forget (don't use your phone)
- Practice the flow of the conversation. Ask the questions in your own words like you are having a conversation and NOT like you are reading from a cue card.
- Don't re-ask a question if people have gotten ahead of you and start to answer.
- Do NOT answer the question, feel free to share but remember, unless it's a personal experience, once you answer people assume you are the authority and the conversation dies.
- Do NOT teach. You are taking people on a journey of self-discovery by asking good questions.
- God, CBC and Pastor Drew have entrusted you to love, lead and shepherd these people. You are NOT leading a discussion but a people. Treat this group like your very own house church that you have been entrusted to pastor. Connect. Engage. And Follow Up. You are shepherding impact that goes way beyond Thursday night.