



Asking Great Questions in Small Group

- It's a *discussion*, not a test.
- Be brief and direct with your questions.
- Ask one question at a time
- A good basic question is *What do you think?*
- Seek information the group members have, but you do not.
 - For example, *What feelings does Jesus' statement provoke in you?*
or *With which character do you most identify in this passage?*
- Avoid asking leading questions, like *Don't you think...*
- Make questions accessible to everyone – don't use jargon or insider language.
- Avoid Yes/No questions. For example, don't ask *Do you identify with the disciples in this passage?*, but rather, ask something like *In what ways do you identify with the disciples in this passage?*
- Get people talking by asking them to identify the main point of a passage, or how we can apply the passage to our lives.
- Involve others in the discussion by asking simple invitation questions like *Anyone else?*, or *What do the rest of you think?*
- Ask follow-up questions, like *Can you say more about that?*, or *What leads you to that conclusion?*
- Take a few minutes toward the end of the meeting and attempt to summarize what has been covered. For example, ask *What do you think is the biggest takeaway from this passage/lesson?* or *Can anyone summarize what we've learned today?*