

LIFEgroups

Open

Go around and let everyone answer the questions.

What is your favorite American custom or holiday? What parts do you like most? How does it make you feel? How does it reflect the American identity and values?

What do you enjoy most about your Christian faith?

Dig In

Read: Daniel chapter 1

What can you learn from Daniel about things that can threaten a Christian's identity and faith?

Do you see signs of confusion in today's culture about what it means to be a Christian? Explain.

What are some things that will strengthen your faith and life as a follower of Jesus Christ?

Close Out

Do you know someone who is fearful, discouraged, angry about the condition of their country?

From today's discussion, how can you help strengthen their Christian faith and life?

The natural response to witnessing the power and providence of God is through praise. Allow group members to share how God is currently at work in their lives. Close with a prayer of thanksgiving for the things shared.

Leader Notes

The Main Idea

Today's meeting focuses on cultural challenges to the Christian faith.

The Ice Breaker

Use the opening question as a light hearted time for members to share from their own experience. It connects to the discussion by helping us see the setting of this story.

Connecting

Before beginning the discussion, take a moment to let members share highs and lows of their week and pray.

Reaching Out

Consider taking a few minutes at the beginning or end of your meeting to talk about potential people your group could reach out to. Pray that God will use each of you to include new people in your LIFE Group.

Guest Invitations

Remind all group participants to find guests at worship services and invite them to visit your group. Don't worry about where they live in the area, just invite them. Then give them the freedom to visit other groups.