



Week Two “THE CHAIR”

AMX

- 9:35a Total Group Intro
- 9:45a Small Groups
- 10:00a Total Group Activity
“Prayer Space”
- 10:30a Close

PRAYER SPACE

Purpose of Lesson: to assist each student to EXPLORE the importance of Hearing God through practicing conversation in different ways with God.

Biblical Reference: John 17:1-26

TOTAL GROUP INTRO [5-10min]

Opening:

- 📺 **Video:** “Noise” Nooma 04 *or*
- 📺 **Video:** “Oracle” from *My Life in Ruins*
- **THIS WEEK** we are going to learn about and experience conversation with God.
- How do you talk to God? How are you supposed to act? Is it okay to stand? Use slang? Close our eyes? Bow our heads? Put our hands together? Supposed to kneel? What?????
- Ongoing Conversation – “I Became a Christian ~ Lousy Tshirt” pg 100

SMALL GROUPS [15min]

DISCUSS

- ☑ On a scale of 1 to 10: How uncomfortable is prayer for you? [1 – not at all; 10 – terrifying]
- ☑ Are you more comfortable praying out loud or silently?
- ☑ On a scale of 1 to 10: How important is prayer to you? [1 – not at all; 10 – most important thing in life]
- ☑ On a scale of 1 to 10: How often do you pray? [1 – never; 10 – constantly]
- ☑ Where do you learn how to pray?
- ☑ How were you taught to pray?
- ☑ When does your family typically pray?
- ☑ From what you see in Worship Services; how does church show you to pray?
- ☑ From what you see at AMX and/or MS-HS FUEL; how does youth group show you to pray?

READ

- ☑ Have students look up and read John 17:1-26 (assign each student one or two verses from these references so that more students participate, as well as develop familiarity with the bible)
- ☑ What sticks out to you from this prayer?
- ☑ What is this prayer about?
- ☑ What answers or guidance is Jesus’ prayer looking for?

TRANSITION – return quietly to Student Center and have group sit together for activity

TOTAL GROUP ACTIVITY [15min]

- FOCUS on Jesus’ instructions for prayer – Matthew 6:5-15
- How do we pray? **HAVE SAY** “IT STARTS IN OUR HEARTS” all the technique won’t matter until then...
- A unique technique: PRAYER SPACE [Matthew 6:5-8]
- What is a PRAYER SPACE?
 - Place you can be alone, undistracted [Matthew 14:23; Mark 1:35 & 6:46]
 - Same location (have students suggest ideas)
 - “closet” was a symbolic reference to prayer shawl [ref Velvet Elvis]
 - The Chair – “I Became a Christian ~ Lousy Tshirt” pg 86-88
- “PRAYER SPACE” Instructions: “Find a set of two chairs placed around the room and sit in one of them and leave the other one empty for God.” (have small group leaders set these chairs up throughout the student center and second level prior to activity)
 - Provide copy of Lord’s Prayer and list of AMX Projects
- **Return in 10min** for Total Group Wrap Up and reflection

REFLECTION – WRAP UP [15min]

- What did you experience during your PRAYER? What did it feel like sitting next to the empty chair? What were some thoughts you thought about when you were sitting there?
- **NEXT WEEK** we’ll learn about and experience a PRAYER WALK

3 Hugs

We ALWAYS end every meeting we have at FUEL with hugs