



Gospel Overview

IF I WERE GOD I'D PUT THE NEW TESTAMENT FIRST AND GET TO THE GOOD STUFF RIGHT AWAY!



SHARE

your highs and lows

Break into pairs.
Listen carefully and record your partner's thoughts in the space provided. Then return to small group and share your friend's highs and lows.

MY HIGH THIS WEEK

MY LOW THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S HIGH THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S LOW THIS WEEK



READ

and highlight the theme verse in your Bible

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth."

John 1:1-3a, 14



TALK

about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows

Choose from the options below to enrich your Talk Time. Invite group members to take turns leading one or more of the following:

IMAGES

1. Choose either the cover photo, cartoon or painting by Dr. He Qi (back page).
2. Where are you in this work of art?
3. How might the art and the theme verse relate to each other?
4. How might the art relate to your highs and lows?

ROLE PLAY

Assign roles and take turns acting out the following:

1. A classmate says, "I don't think Jesus ever really lived. Some guys just got together and made him up." Respond.
2. A friend says, "I think the Bible doesn't tell the whole story of Jesus. I think he was married to Mary and the church covered it up. If you look at Da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper, it really looks like Mary—not John—next to Jesus. Da Vinci was giving us a clue. He had inside information." How do you answer this?

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. If you could have been with Jesus during any event in his life on earth, what event would you choose?
2. If you could ask Jesus any question about anything and get a straight and immediate answer, what would you ask?
3. If someone asked you, "Who is Jesus?" how would you respond? If they asked, "Who is Jesus to you?" would your answer be any different?

QUOTATIONS

Choose a quotation (right column) and share your thoughts and questions about it.

Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary use words.

St. Francis of Assisi

The Gospel is not a challenge, it is an offer.

Joe Blinco

Sometimes I think to myself, "What would Jesus do?" like so many other people are doing today, but I notice it really makes the most difference when I spend more time listening for the answer than asking the question.

Anonymous

God has no grandchildren; either you know God first-hand, or you don't know God at all.

Unknown



Write a definition...

GOSPEL

JOHN

LUKE

MARK

MATTHEW



Annunciation by Dr. He Qi (www.heqigallery.com)



PRAY
for one another's
highs and lows

Gather in a circle. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in your lows. Pray for your friend's highs and lows and for your world. Close in Jesus' name.

Prayers for Highs

Prayers for Lows



BLESS
one another

Trace the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads or palms.

**REMEMBER
1 THING**

The Gospels are not simply biographies of Jesus, but testimonies by four different people sharing real-life experiences and perspectives with the Savior of the world.



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