

CBSM Small Group Discussion Guide

You Asked For It: Cuss Words vs. Christ's Words

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The one-shot summary of the sermon series:

"You Asked For It" is our summer sermon series where our students come up with the sermon subjects. We want this to be insanely practical, ridiculously applicable, and extremely every day life kind of stuff. Most of these will be handled within Q&A's.

CBSM Small Group Accountability:

I realize these accountability questions are a little much for the beginning of an already short small group session time. So let's encourage our teens every small group session to have a couple of accountability partners. I would encourage them to have a group of 3 - 4 that talk or meet together every week or two to talk about their lives, their victories, failures, successes, struggles, sins, and obedience.

CBSM Small Group Application Questions:

Conversation: Don't forget the importance of letting your students come in, start conversations, you talk to them on a personal level, and after several minutes transition into the lesson.

Intro: Leaders, ask your small group about the culture they live in when it comes to cussing. How bad of a problem is it in the schools? How are they treated if they don't cuss? How tempting is it for them? Etc?

Transition: Be honest with each other. What are your real thoughts on cussing? Where's the line? What's the list of words? How do you handle it when someone around you cusses? Etc?

Bible: Read Ephesians 4:29. Why are certain words called “cuss” or “curse” words? Read the sermon notes. It is because they are the worst of the worst. Satan loves for us to say them flippantly to minimize their meaning.

Read Exodus 20:7 and talk about taking God’s name in vain. What does that mean? When do we do it? What makes it so wrong to be on God’s top 10 list?

Read Ephesians 5:3-4. When are we in danger of disobeying this Scripture?

Read Philippians 2:14. Just because you don’t cuss or tell dirty jokes...you’re not off the hook! Why would it be a sin to complain or argue at any time?

Jesus: Read 1 Peter 2:22-23. Has it ever hit you that its so easy for us to sin with our words, but Jesus never sinned with His? Leaders, feel free to talk through the sermon notes for this section. If Jesus never said anything that was wrong, and always said everything that was right, then why should you listen to Him speaking into your life?

Life: Read the “Life” section of the sermon notes for additional comments and questions.

Read Matthew 12:34. If we always speak from our hearts, then what is the best way to change our words? List 5 ways as a small group that you can have Jesus change your heart in order to change your words.

Be honest as a small group. Do you say these? When should you?

1. Jesus is Lord (Romans 10:9).
2. Dear Heavenly Father (Luke 11).
3. I love you.
4. How can I pray for you?
5. I forgive you. (Ephesians 4:32)

General Outline of a CBSM Small Group Session:

Listen: Let your class talk a few minutes and just listen to them, listen to their weekend, listen to their lives, listen to their week...listen to their hearts.

Prayer: Ask for prayer requests before you start the discussion.

Accountability: Ask your class if they did their Bible reading, how their prayer life went this week, who they've witnessed to, and about their relationship with Christ.

Discussion: Ask the listed questions along with other questions that sparked in your mind during your reading. Don't be afraid if they get off track a little. Listen to where their minds and conversations are going, and try to take a wide facilitating turn back to the Word.

Prayer: Ask for prayer requests again, but this time ask them to be specifically from what you've studied and discussed that morning. Ask how yall can be praying for each other, and how yall can be praying for the student ministry through the passages. And take time to pray together!

That should easily take up 45 to an hour. If you have any questions...please let me know! Feel free to refer back to this email often. Let me know if you have any helpful suggestions for the rest of the teachers. I'm also attaching a commentary on the book of Judges in case you need it for more answers!

Only by His grace,
Pastor Chip