

We are so excited you decided to try Ever Wonder with your friends and community. The purpose of this is to create a space for people in your life to have honest conversations about what every human wants - a place to belong, to know they are loved, and to live a meaningful life. We encourage you to try this 3 week course outside of the church - go to your friends, family or neighbors and create a space for these really important conversations

Getting started

- Pick dates and a location outside of the church (3 consecutive weeks)
- Invite 5-10 people for a conversation along the themes of identity, purpose and belonging
- Ask a friend to help
- Imagine what each night will look like and plan (dinner party, coffee shop, dorm room - ever wonder is best outside of the church building!)

belonging

week one

before:

- Download the video
- Invite 5-10 people

(sample text: Hey! I am having a dinner party next week on Wednesday. We are going to have pizzas and watch a video about belonging then discuss it together. I'd love for you to come.)

during:

- Have an element of hospitality -- a meal, snack, coffee with your group.
- Watch the video
- Discuss these questions:
- Intro question: Tell us about a friend you had growing up. What made this friendship work?
- When was a time you felt like you belonged? Tell us more about it/What was it like?
- What is something you wish more people knew about you?
- With the communities that you are already a part of, are you able to be you and bring your full self? Why or why not?
- To live more authentically in your full self, what is something you wish more people knew/appreciated about you?
- Hearing that Jesus is able to sympathize with your struggles, how does your view of Jesus change?

after:

- Send a follow up text

(sample text: Loved being with you tonight! We are going to chat again next week about what it means to belong. would love for you to come.)

identity

week two

before:

- Download the video
- Text your guests

(sample text: Hey, I'd love to see you at my house again this week - we are having tacos for dinner and the topic is about finding your identity.)

during:

- Have an element of hospitality -- a meal, snack, coffee with your group.
- Watch the video
- Discuss these questions:
- Intro question: If you could only use 3 words to introduce yourself, what would they be?
- When was a time you felt incredibly loved or were shown incredible love?
- Who or what is telling you who you are?
- Is that the person you want to become?
- What do you think about fear and love? How do they impact our identity?
- When was a time you felt incredibly loved or showed incredible love?
- If you knew your true self was fully known and fully loved by God, what would change?

after:

- Send a follow up text

(sample text: Thanks for coming! How was it for you?)

purpose

week three

before:

- Download the video
- Text your guests
- (sample text: Hey, hope to see you tomorrow! We are going to eat cookies and watch a video on finding purpose.)

during:

- Have an element of hospitality -- a meal, snack, coffee with your group.
- Watch the video
- Discuss these questions:
- Intro question: What does the "good life" look like for you? -Or - What does a day in the good life look like to you?
- Have you ever asked if there's a bigger story or something more than what is right here/in your life right now?
- Who or what is at the center of your story right now and is it big enough to hold your pain and your purpose?
- What is something that gives you meaning or purpose? How do you see it connecting to some of the ideas shared in the video?
- Feedback: Share a personal high and low from the Ever Wonder experience.

after:

- Send a follow up text

(sample text: Thanks for coming! How was it for you?)

- Connect your guests to a local Alpha course or church if they are interested.

Please reach out to Jessica Gatton with any feedback, stories or questions during your experience hosting.

Once you complete the 3 sessions, please fill out our ever wonder survey.

Thanks for piloting ever wonder with us!