

Small Group Known Night Questions

Leader notes: This is an intentional moment to help each of you in the group get to know each other better. How you lead out in your answers will shape what is shared from the people. Be as real as you feel comfortable for the group. Here is an example of how-to setup this night.

Week Prior to Known Night make space to cover what the next week Known Night will be about.

You can say something like

"John Maxwell once wrote, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." To put it another way, people won't care as much about the scripture you're quoting if they don't feel like you know them. People will only open-up to others who they know and who they trust to know them. We need others (Iron Sharpens Iron proverb) to navigate this life.

We are praying that we would be a group that can go deeper than surface level and really be open with each other that is why next week we will be doing what we call Known Night.

So, for next week, we will be answering some deeper questions that I will hand out to everyone. The goal is to give everyone in the group a chance to share answers to 6 questions within about a 5-8 mins max timeframe. While someone is sharing, I ask that the rest of us give them our complete focus and use this time as chance to just listen. The goal is to help us learn more about each other and show that we all have a story and while it may be different, I bet we see some threads of commonality or lest give us some perspective on each other as we grow in relationship as a group. (Hand out questions)

I ask that everyone make time this week to review and jot down some responses to these questions, so you are ready for next week. I (the leader) will start next week, and I will be open, honest, and real so I ask that you do the same when you share.

Now because of this openness's, I also want to share that the foundation for this is confidentially and trust. We need for this group to be a safe ground. Or as we shared in week 1, what said here stays here, we won't share with others. What you hear from each other is their story and only they have right to share. Can we agree to that?



Known Night Setup.

Welcome everyone and review what you covered last week of what you will be doing. Now explain what you will be doing:

Example: "This evening, I'm going to be sharing my answers to the questions. I'll take 5-8 minutes and answer the same questions you'll be answering. When I'm done, it will be open to at least one follow-up question (not to fix but better understand) based on what I shared and then the group will pray for me. Then we will go around and do the same as each one of you shares one at a time.

Semester 1 Questions:

- 1. Who are the people who've had the greatest positive impact on you? Why/how?
- 2. What have been the happiest moments of your life?
- 3. Where do you go or what do you do when life gets too heavy for you? Why?
- 4. In what ways is life challenging for you right now?
- 5. In what areas of life are you most disciplined? Why are these disciplines important to you?
- 6. Picture the first time you will stand before God. What do you want him to say about your life?

Semester 2 Questions:

- 1. In what areas of your life would you like to have greater peace?
- 2. Name the one change that you would most like to make In your life.
- 3. What Is God teaching you In this season of your life?
- 4. How did you come to faith?
- 5. Describe your current relationship with Christ.

Notes:

Leader always goes firsts, try to share your responses in a narrative or story response (basically give a little context)

Make sure everyone shares and redirect questions/comments if anyone tries to give advice. Not the time for advice.

Ask someone new each time to pray when someone is finished.



Known Questions Ver1:

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In what areas of life are you most disciplined? Why are these disciplines important to you?
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