



2017 Franciscan University of Steubenville Youth Conference Small Group Discussion Questions

Small Group Tips:

- Remember to keep your questions open ended. (Avoid yes/no questions.)
- Silence is okay in a small group. Sometimes the youth need time to think and process the questions before answering them.
- As the leader of the small group, avoid talking too much. This is a time for the youth to process their thoughts. If they have questions or need mentoring, give a shorter answer and let them know you can talk more together after the small group.
- The questions below are meant to be a springboard for you to ask further questions and facilitate conversation among the group. Feel free to ask follow-up questions as they process. You can ask even more specific questions from the keynote content.

Friday Evening Small Group Discussion Questions:

Friday Night Keynote Scripture: John 1:35-41

- What two words would you use to describe your relationship with Jesus right now?
- What areas of your life do you want Christ to transform and make new?
- Why does the Incarnation (God becoming man) matter to our lives?
- How would you answer the question of Christ from the Gospel story, “What are you looking for?”
- Has there ever been a time when you felt that the Lord was inviting you to “Come and follow me.”? Did you follow?
- What is holding you back from following the Lord? What are some struggles in accepting His invitation?
- What was your experience of worship and Adoration?

Saturday Afternoon Small Group Discussion 1 Questions:

- From Mass this morning, what struck you about celebrating Mass with a large group of people?
 - *Follow-up this question with an encouragement on how to participate more fully in Mass at their home parish. Also, help them to see the connection between the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration.*
- What is one thing that struck your heart from the men’s/women’s session?
- Men’s Session Questions:
 - *Men’s Session Scripture: 1 Samuel 17 (David and Goliath: The speaker will choose a particular part of the story to unpack.)*
 - As men, what is our true identity?
 - How can we live our identity in Christ?
 - How do you see yourself as David? What aspects of David do you want to model?
 - What are the “Goliaths” in your daily lives?
 - What are the stones that you can use to fight the battle and conquer those giants?
 - What will your “battle plan” be?
- Women’s Session Questions:
 - *Women’s Session Scripture: John 8:3-11 (Woman caught in adultery)*
 - As women, what is our true identity?
 - How can we live our identity in Christ?
 - How do you relate to the woman in the Gospel story?
 - How can we look to the Blessed Mother as our model? What virtues do you see in Mary that we should model?

- What particular virtue do you feel called to grow in? How can you grow?

Saturday Afternoon Small Group Discussion 2 Questions:

- What workshops did you attend? What stood out to you most from the presentations? What are some practical take-ways from the workshops?
 - *This is a good opportunity for the youth to share with one another about the content of the workshops. They can learn about the workshop they did not attend by hearing from those that did attend.*
- What is the greatest obstacle in your life to walking more closely with Jesus?
- Does anyone want to share some ways they feel they are being called to change?
- What is one additional thing you want the Lord to do in your heart this weekend?
- Saturday Afternoon Keynote
 - *Saturday Afternoon Keynote Scripture: Matthew 8:1-3(Cleansing of the Leper)*
 - How have you seen the pornographic culture in the world around you?
 - What did you learn about the beauty of our sexuality?
 - What are some of the dangers of pornography that were shared during the talk?
 - What are some of the practical steps for someone to break free from pornography?
 - How can we strive to remain pure of heart and mind in our culture?
 - How do you relate to the leper on the Gospel story?

Saturday Evening Small Group Discussion Questions:

Saturday Night Keynote Scripture: Mark 10: 46-52 (Healing of Bartimaeus)

- What is one thing you were struck by in the talk tonight? What area of your life did the talk most make you consider?
- How can you relate to Bartimaeus? How will imitating him lead you closer to God?
- What is a blindness of yours that is keeping you from fully following the Lord?
- How would you answer the question of Christ, “What do you want me to do for you?”
- Why does it take courage to rise, encounter, and follow Christ?
- Has there been a time in your life that you experienced a sincere need for God, His love, mercy and help?
- How can you more fully commit your life to Christ?
- What did God do in your heart tonight during Eucharistic Adoration? Did he speak anything specifically to you?
 - *Help the youth understand that even if they didn't feel anything, God is still working in their lives and calling them to an intimate relationship with Him.*
- Do you have any questions about what your experience tonight?

Sunday Small Group Discussion (maybe for the ride home):

Sunday Morning Keynote Scripture: Mark 9: 2-9 (The Transfiguration)

- How did you relate to the apostles in the Gospel story? Have you had a “mountain top” experience this weekend? Why is it important to come down from the mountain?
 - *Remind the youth though that it is okay if they did not have a “mountain top experience” They encountered Christ and that is profound!*
- How can you foster your relationship with Christ after the conference and every day?
- How can Christ be a part of your everyday activities? How can your everyday life and activities “be made new?”
- Why is it important to pray every day? How will you strive to pray every day?
- Who is the Holy Spirit and why is it important to have a relationship with Him?
- How can you pray for more of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- In what areas of your life do you most need the Holy Spirit to help you and be with you?

- If you could ask the Holy Spirit for two things to be a better disciple, what would they be?
- What did your experience at this conference show you about God's plan for your life?
- What are some challenges you are going to face in going home?
- What will you do if you struggle to live your life in Christ or the circumstances at home make it challenging to live your faith?
- How can you bring this conference experience back to your parish, youth group, high school, family, etc.?
- What did you hear this weekend that gives you hope for going back home today?
(Continue to ask questions based on what you know about each of the youth in your small group and how they experienced this weekend conference)