

Summer ROAD TRIP

Week Three | Cookouts | 07.09-10.2022

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Series Recap: Everyone has different experiences with road trips. Many of these memories aren't even about the original plan but what happened when plans changed. Jesus was amazing at living in the moment with the people God brought in His path. Let's explore the lessons of how we can be present together this summer and the stories we'll tell because of it.

» Opening (3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

» Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What do you love the most about a cookout?
- Digging Deeper: Why do you think food plays such an important part in the way Jesus engages with others?

» Observation | Read John 6:1-14 (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | With God's Heart and Our Hands Miracles Happen (12 minutes)

- Have you ever served when you felt completely unprepared? How did it work out?
- What are roadblocks to believing that the God in the Bible who performed miracles is the same God we serve?

» God's Heart | Reread John 6:5-6; James 1:2-4; Micah 7:18-20 (12 minutes)

- What was Jesus' heart for the crowd of people? For His disciples?
- When trials appear, how does the Bible instruct us to face them and how do they remind us who God is?

» Our Heart | Reread John 6:7-9; Mark 12:41-44; Malachi 3:10 (12 minutes)

- Contrast the boys' willingness with the doubt of the disciples.
- When we are unable to give as much as we want to, what can we learn about giving faith?

» God's Heart in Our Hands | Reread John 6:10-11; Mathew 25:35-40 (12 minutes)

- How does action in the face of adversity open up the doors for God to move?
- What if needs are opportunities for God to multiply our time, talents, and treasures? Are we seizing the opportunities?

» Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- How can you intentionally show compassion to the people you have separated yourself from because they were too needy, or too difficult?
- Close by praying for one another to recognize God's compassion in your life and willingly step out in compassion toward others.