COMMUNICATION (LARGE GROUP)

Lesson 1: Communication What is it? Facts & Stats

Objective: This lesson gives young people an overview of communication

SUPPLIES:

Paper and a writing utensil for each team

4 signs for 4 corners. Each sign has one letter; A, B, C, D

GAME:

Blind Draw

This game involves pairing up. Each pair should sit back-to-back so they cannot see each other.

Give one member of each team a picture, object or a scene. They must then describe this to their partner without using words that are too obvious (for example, the picture may be of a chicken but the person is not allowed to use the word "chicken, bird, hen", etc.

You can either give everyone the same picture or have a few different options.

Depending on the picture, you will need to allow 10-15 minutes. Once time is up, share the pictures - you will find there are some very funny interpretations!

After sharing pictures and having a few good laughs, ask questions to get the group talking about communication.

How closely did your picture resemble the original?

Why do you think that is?

Did communication play a role in how your picture turned out? Why do you think that?

LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION:

ASK: Who can define communication? (take 2 or 3 different definitions)

SAY: Webster Dictionary defines communication this way: the process by which information is exchanged between individuals through a common system of symbols, signs, or behavior

What do we know about communication? Let's play a game called Facts and Stats.

This is played kind of like 4 corners. Label each corner or 4 different places in the room; A, B, C, D As you play, each student decides which answer is correct; A, B, C, D and goes to stand their showing their belief in that response (You could also make this into a Kahoot game)

FACTS AND STATS:

According to a poll on yourtango.com, when 100 mental health professionals were polled they found that communication problems was cited as the

A. most common factor leading to divorce

B. 2nd most common factor leading to divorce

C. 3rd most common factor leading to divorce

D. 4th most common factor leading to divorce

Many people use social media as a way to communicate. As of 2019, the average daily social media usage of internet users worldwide amounted in:

A. 60 min per day

B. 115 min per day

C. 144 minutes per day

D. 230 minutes per day

What is the most popular form of communication used today for teens:

A Face to face

B. Texting

C. Calling

D. DM

Say: As you have probably already guessed, we are talking about Communication for the next few weeks. We will look at "What exactly is Communication?" Let's take a look at this video clip.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ox5LhIJSBE

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LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION:

What happened in this video?

What forms of communication did you see happening in this clip?

What did the 2 ladies do that hindered their communication?

That helped their communication?

Testimony: Have a leader share a brief testimony of a time in their life when communication played an important role. (it could have been positively or negatively, but it was the communication between 2 people that made the difference in the outcome)

Start by saying: Communication plays an important role in our day to day lives. There are many forms of communication; written, verbal, body language, signs, etc. But no matter which form of communication we use, they are all about the exchanging of information between 2 or more people!

I want to share a story from my life when communication played an important role….. (share testimony)

Final questions: this can be done in small groups or large group discussion:

What did you learn about communication from (person sharing testimony)?

How do you define communication? What are different kinds of communication?

What is something that surprised you tonight that you learned about communication? (either in the games or the testimony time)

What is your favorite way to communicate with others? Why?

Where do you think you struggle with communication? With who or which type is difficult for you?

Do you think God has much to say in the Bible about communication? Why or why not?

REFLECTION:

We can all agree that communication happens in many forms. I am sure we all agree as well, that communication is often the key to our relationships with others. Over the next few weeks we will look at communication from God's perspective and how we can learn to communicate with others more effectively.

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