

Eyes Wide Open

Design week 1

The Well Questions

Do you know why you believe what you believe? Most people don't. They close their eyes and just go through life swayed by whatever messages come their way. God wants to show us who He is. The signs are everywhere. But you've got to walk through life with your Eyes Wide Open.

Leader Tips

Our objective for discussion time is for students to look at what they believe and why.

When students just say they are Christians because their parents are, their faith will not stand up against doubt and anti-God messages over time. When they process through their doubt by seeking God for themselves, they will end up with a faith that is their own.

- Have your Bibles ready for this series!
- Be prepared not to answer every question. Leave lots of space for students to answer. Let students discover things for themselves—be a facilitator.
- Stay connected to students throughout the week to guide them as they develop their thoughts.
- Make sure students leave the night feeling encouraged and pointed to the idea that God wants to have a relationship with them.

Discussion Questions

Do not plan to use all of these questions or feel like you have to read them aloud in order.

Just use them to guide your discussion and keep it focused on seeking the truth about God.

1. Share a time when you wondered where everything came from. What are your thoughts about it?
2. From what you've been taught at school, do you think you understand and can defend the theory of evolution?
3. If someone believes that everything just happened by random chance, how might that affect the way they live?
4. If someone believes that God designed everything for a reason how does that affect how someone lives?
5. Rate your own beliefs on a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being "I believe everything evolved by chance" and 10 being "I believe everything was created by God."
6. What if creation was meant to point you to a relationship with God? What if you were designed to be in a relationship with God?
7. If your group wants to investigate some of the scripture used in the video, you can see what God has to say. Remember that Scripture may not be accepted as valid evidence to someone who doesn't believe in God. Isaiah 45:18; Isaiah 40:26; Genesis 1:1; Nehemiah 9:6; Romans 1:20; John 1:2-4; Psalm 139:14

Group Challenge

Discovering the answer to these questions about God and existence are the most important journey you can go on in your life. Spend time this week seeking God. That can mean praying, reading the Bible, reading books about this, or talking to someone you trust that shares your values. Instead of something daily that we direct as leaders, challenge them to seek God for themselves with their Eyes Wide Open.

I'm not giving you direct texts this week, but I encourage you to make contact with your students this week. You are making a HUGE difference in their lives and they'd love to hear from you.