

Leader Guide

Authentic Worship: Preaching

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Big Idea: Jesus spoke in parables... we speak in sermons... it's part of how we learn to love God more!

Guide Pro Tips

1. Learning to love God means to learn more about God.
2. We learn about God through Jesus, Jesus' story, and sermons – they are all the word of God.
3. Understanding Jesus and Jesus' parables isn't easy. That's part of why we have sermons.
4. Let's be honest, how much do you read your Bible when you're not at church? Sermons help us learn the Bible

Gathering and Centering

Find your candle, turn it on, or light a real one. We're going to do 90 seconds of silence and deep breathing.

Introduction to the Big Idea

Tonight, we're starting with our Bible story: Luke 4:16-22.

Questions for conversation?

- What is Jesus doing in this story?
- What book does he quote?
- Can you find the Book of Isaiah in your Bible?
- Would you listen to a sermon from Jesus?

Video moment

Watch this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XX-aAg4_U2Q

- What stuck out for you about parables?
- Why do you think Jesus spoke in parables?
- Do have a parable that sticks out in your mind or is a favorite of yours?

Small Group Time

Highs and Lows: spend time sharing the highs and lows of the week with each other.

The Google Doc: this week is a "quiz" a bunch of multiple choice questions. Some a silly, some are a little more serious. Here's the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSec9FMIWvTXdiRxx753m6TQM5Oz4zCBXbuyBnUbDrpI7X7wog/viewform?usp=sf_link

Journal Question

If sermons are part of the word of God, how do you think about sermons given by Pastor Tim and Pastor Pam? How would you listen to sermons from now on?