

Discipleship Essentials Videos

Leader's FAQs

The Essentials video series is an invitation for Hillsong Church in Australia to follow Jesus together. More than a course or class, these videos are designed to facilitate conversation amongst small groups - a connect group, hosted as a part of night school, or a group of friends, together.

Here are some frequently asked questions from leaders:

Do we need to watch the whole thing?

No! The videos are there to serve your group. You may want to stop after the first group of questions. The highlight for your group might be the Deep Dives. The videos are designed to be used in 6 different gatherings, but maybe you want to take more time with one particular video, or watch half of a video each time and spend 12 gatherings discussing them.

Does our group need to answer every discussion question?

No. The questions are just tools to help facilitate a conversation. Tweak the questions, if you need to, to suit your particular group. You may find that one question doesn't generate much discussion. Feel free to recognise that and move on to another. You may find that you only get through one question. That's ok too! The point is to facilitate a conversation amongst the group.

Who are the notes for?

The notes are designed to be given to every person participating in these conversations, not just for leaders. As the leader, you can send the mobile version to each member of your group, or you can print the print-friendly version to share a paper copy if that helps. Ideally, everyone watching would have the notes, their own notebook or journal, and a Bible. The notes have all the scriptures referenced, key points, a few explanations for what you may hear, recommended reading, the discussion questions, and more.

What if I don't feel qualified to lead this. Is there anything else you can give me that would help?

If you don't feel like you know enough to answer people's questions, that's ok! You don't have to. This isn't a curriculum for you to teach – it's a conversation starter. You might even feel like you're the least qualified person in your group to be leading. That's ok! You can ask questions too, and let's go on this journey together.

Chat with your campus leadership team about ideas or coaching specifically relating to leading a connect group.