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Lesson Guide: *Open and Honest Dialogue*

Lesson Goals

- Understand the importance of open and honest conversation as a vehicle of discipleship to Gen Z.
- Recognize ways of approaching and creating the atmosphere for open and honest conversation.
- Recognize how Feed resources can help accomplish open and honest conversation with students.

Key Points

- Open, honest dialogue doesn't just lead to the connection Generation Z is looking for. It also is one of the best ways you can reach students with the truth of who Jesus is.
- Key ways to create open and honest dialogue:
 - Structured small groups
 - Don't just teach, talk (but mostly listen)
 - Have fun together (outside of church too)
- Good leaders don't answer the hard questions; they facilitate discussion.

Reflection Questions

- What's something new you learned from this video?
- How have you observed Gen Z's desire to have open and honest conversations in your own youth ministry?
- Within the current culture of your youth ministry, what might be helping or hindering open and honest dialogue?
- What dynamics need to be in place for students to feel comfortable to speak openly and express any doubts freely?

Application Questions

- What ways can we be more intentional to create environments that cultivate open and honest dialogue among students?
- What practices for facilitating discussion do you currently use in your youth ministry? What practices would you like to implement more? These could include:
 - Reflecting a question back to students
 - Affirming them for thinking deeply about their faith
 - Digging into God's Word for guidance
 - Asking others in the group what they think
 - Looking at the overarching character of God and His work in the world



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