

[FRAMING] YOUR VIEW

LEADER GUIDE

WHO?

Framing Your View: Engage the World through the Lens of the Gospel is crafted for leaders who:

- **Facilitate Small Groups:** Those guiding discussions among students, young adults, or church members on challenging worldview topics.
- **Mentor and Disciple:** Leaders looking to engage participants in meaningful conversations that deepen their understanding of faith and the world around them.

WHAT?

As a leader, you'll be guiding your group through 10 video conversations and corresponding discussion guides. Each video is approximately 20-30 minutes long, designed to stimulate thought and discussion.

Anticipate 90 minutes per session: 30 minutes to watch the video and 60 minutes for discussion for each topic, ending with a challenge (life application) discussion and closing in prayer.

How to Use the Guides as a Leader: Each session's discussion guide is structured to help a Leader facilitate discussions effectively. Begin by watching the video with your group, then follow the guide's structure: start with the Ice Breaker, move through the Summary and Discussion Questions, and conclude with Challenge (life application) and guided Prayer and requests. Again, each guide includes key quotes, Bible verses, and suggested discussion points to help you lead meaningful conversations.

LEADER TIPS FOR WALKING YOUR SMALL GROUP THROUGH THE SERIES:

ICE BREAKER:

Consider using an icebreaker that relates to the specific topic of each session. For example, before *Conversation 5: A.I. & Technology*, ask the group to share one way they think technology has impacted their faith or worldview.

SUMMARY:

Provide a summary of the video's key points and how they relate to the overarching theme of the series—understanding the world through a Gospel-centered perspective.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Review the discussion questions on the guide together and encourage participants to reflect on the video and relate it to their own experiences and beliefs.

CHALLENGE (LIFE APPLICATION)

Each discussion guide for Framing Your View includes a "Challenge" section designed to facilitate practical application of the session's concepts. These challenges encourage participants to reflect deeply on how the topic discussed impacts their interactions and beliefs.

PRAYER:

Encourage group members to share prayer requests related to the topic discussed, supporting one another in applying the Gospel to their worldview and life challenges.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND TIPS FOR THE LEADER:

PREPARATION:

Preview the Content: Before each session, take time to watch the video and review the discussion guide. Familiarize yourself with the key points, discussion questions, and application steps. This will help you feel more confident and ready to lead.

Pray for Your Group: Spend time in prayer for your group members before each session. Ask God for wisdom, guidance, and open hearts as you engage in these important conversations.

Set the Tone: Begin each session by creating a welcoming and respectful atmosphere. Encourage participants to share openly and remind them that differing viewpoints are an opportunity for growth, not division.

FACILITATING DISCUSSION:

Encourage Participation: Ensure that everyone has a chance to speak. You might ask quieter members specific questions or invite them to share their thoughts. Use open-ended questions to stimulate deeper conversation.

Manage Time Wisely: Keep an eye on the clock to ensure that the session stays on track. Allow enough time for discussion, but also be mindful of ending with prayer and reflection.

Navigate Sensitive Topics: Some conversations may touch on challenging or controversial issues. Be prepared to guide these discussions with grace and sensitivity. Encourage participants to focus on how the Gospel informs their perspective and responses.

ENGAGING THE GROUP:

Use Real-Life Examples: Whenever possible, connect the discussion to real-life situations or current events that are relevant to your group. This helps make the conversation more practical and applicable.

Be a Co-Learner: Approach the role of facilitator as a fellow participant in the learning process. Share your own reflections and how the material challenges or deepens your understanding.

Follow-Up: After each session, consider sending a brief email or message to the group summarizing the discussion or highlighting key takeaways. This can help reinforce the material and keep the conversation going between meetings.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

Focus on Application: Encourage group members to think about how the insights from each session can be applied to their personal lives. Ask them to reflect on how the Gospel shapes their worldview in practical ways. The “Challenge” section of each guide is there for you.

Build a Supportive Community: Foster a sense of community within the group. Encourage members to pray for one another and to support each other outside of the sessions. This could include pairing up prayer partners or organizing social activities.

Encourage Ongoing Learning: Recommend additional resources or readings for those who want to explore the topics further. This could include books, articles, or podcasts that align with the material.

Help Us Improve: Share Your Thoughts on Framing Your View: Engage the world through the lens of the Gospel

At the conclusion of the Framing Your View series, we will be providing a Feedback Survey link to both leaders and participants. This survey is designed to gather valuable insights on your experience with the series, including what you found most beneficial and areas for improvement. Your feedback is crucial in helping us enhance the program and ensure it meets the needs of future participants.

We appreciate your time and input as it will contribute to refining and enriching the Framing Your View experience for everyone involved!