

LOGS Week 1 Host Guide

Creation: In the Beginning · Wednesday, September 30 · 6:30–8:00pm

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What tonight is for

Most people walking in tonight don't know anyone at their table, and some of them are nervous. If they leave feeling welcome, knowing how LOGS works, and wanting to come back next Wednesday, tonight was a success. The teaching starts where the Bible starts, with God creating the world and every person in it on purpose. Your job is to run the front of the evening so your facilitators can focus on their tables.

You handle the welcome, the overview, the invitation, the icebreaker question, the video, setting up prayer, and dismissal. Facilitators lead discussion and prayer at their tables.

Run of show

Times assume a video of about 20 minutes. Adjust the video and discussion lines once you know the exact length.

6:00 Room set, slides and video loaded, pre-show slide upSlide 1

6:10 Facilitator huddle and prayer

6:20 Doors open, greeters out, coffee readySlide 1

6:30 WelcomeSlide 2 · 3 min

6:33 How LOGS worksSlide 3 · 3 min

6:36 InvitationSlide 4 · 2 min

6:38 Icebreaker at tablesSlide 5 · 10 min

6:48 Set up the videoSlide 6 · 1 min

6:49 Play the videoAbout 20 min

7:10 Table discussionSlide 7 · 35 min

7:45 Prayer setup, then tables praySlide 8 · 10 min

7:55 Dismissal and invitation reminderSlide 9 · 5 min

8:00 Done. Parents head to childcare pickup

If you're running behind

Shorten the icebreaker to six minutes first. Keep at least 30 minutes for table discussion, since that's the part facilitators are there for. End at 8:00 no matter what, because families are picking up kids.

Slides and what to say

Each slide below has the exact copy for the screen and a script for you. Use the script as written or put it in your own words. Load the slides and the video into Playlister in this order: Slides 1 through 6, the Week 1 video, then Slides 7 through 9.

Slide 1 | Pre-show

On screen

Welcome to Living Out God's Story

Grab a coffee, find your table, and say hi to someone you haven't met yet.

We start at 6:30.

Host note

Up from 6:00 until you walk up to welcome people. If you have music, play something low in the background.

Slide 2 | Welcome

On screen

Welcome to LOGS

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What to say

"Hi everyone, welcome to Living Out God's Story! My name is [your name], and I'm [your role] here at [campus]. I'm so glad you're here tonight. [One sentence on why you're personally glad to be here.]"

"Thank you for coming out on a Wednesday night. If you look around your table and don't know anybody yet, you're in good company. Most people here tonight are in the same spot, and in eight weeks these are going to be people you know."

"A few quick things. Restrooms are [location], coffee/water is [location], and if your kids are in childcare, you'll pick them up at [location] right after we finish at 8:00."

Slide 3 | How LOGS works

On screen

How LOGS works

8 Wednesdays · 6:30–8:00pm · September 30 to November 18

Welcome, video, table discussion, prayer

Your table stays together all 8 weeks

Daily readings in your digital guide book between Wednesdays

What to say

"Since tonight is our first night, let me tell you how LOGS works."

"For the next eight Wednesdays, we're going to walk through the whole story of the Bible in four parts: Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration. Each part gets two weeks. The first week looks at that part of God's story, and the second week looks at how it shows up in your own life."

"Every Wednesday will look a lot like tonight. We'll start together up here, watch a short video, and then your table facilitator will lead the conversation and prayer. You'll stay at the same table for all eight weeks, so the people sitting with you tonight are the people you're going to get to know."

(Hold up the participant doc on your phone.) "This is your personal guide. Each week there are short daily readings to do at home between Wednesdays. The people who do them get the most out of the conversation at their table, so I want to encourage you to give them a try. You can download it by scanning the code on your table."

Slide 4 | Invitation

On screen

Who could you bring next week?

LOGS is open to anyone. Invite a friend, a neighbor, or a coworker to join you next Wednesday.

Register at [registration link]

What to say

"Before we get started, I want you to think of one person. Who do you know who would enjoy this? It could be a friend, a neighbor, someone you work with."

"There's room for them, and we'd love for you to bring them next Wednesday. A facilitator will welcome them at a table. You can register them at the link on the screen, and that's also where you sign up for childcare."

Slide 5 | Icebreaker

On screen

Around your table

Share your name, how long you've been coming to Eastside (or how you found us), and what made you sign up for LOGS.

What to say

"Let's get to know each other. Here's the question for your table: share your name, how long you've been coming to Eastside or how you found us, and what made you sign up for LOGS."

"Facilitators, would you go first so everyone knows what an answer sounds like? You've got about ten minutes. Go for it."

Host note

At 6:47, give a one-minute heads-up: "One more minute. Let whoever's sharing finish up."

Slide 6 | Video setup

On screen

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In the Beginning: God's Story and Ours

What to say

"Alright, let's bring it back up here."

"Tonight we're starting where the Bible starts: 'In the beginning, God.' Before we get to anyone's personal story, we need to know who made us and why."

"As you watch, listen for one thing that stands out to you, because your facilitator is going to ask you about it. Let's watch."

Host note

Dim the lights if your space allows it, then start the video.

Play the video

Week 1 video, about 20 minutes. Have the Vimeo or YouTube link open on a laptop connected to the screen in case Playlister doesn't play. When the video ends, bring the lights up and go straight to Slide 7 so tables don't lose momentum.

Slide 7 | Table discussion

On screen

Table time

Your facilitator will take it from here.

Everything at the table stays at the table or in your personal prayer time.

We're not here to fix anyone.

Do not monopolize the conversation.

Respect one another.

We'll come back together at 7:45.

What to say

"Before your facilitator jumps in, here are a few ground rules that help our tables be a safe place for everyone."

"First, everything shared at the table stays at the table, or in your personal prayer time. If someone trusts you with something, don't repeat it anywhere else."

"Second, we're not here to fix anyone. We're here to listen and to walk with each other."

"Third, don't monopolize the conversation. If you love to talk, and I'm one of those people, leave room so everyone gets a chance to share."

"And fourth, respect one another. People at your table are in different places with God, and that's exactly why we're here."

"Facilitators, it's all yours. We'll come back together at 7:45."

Host note

While tables talk, walk the space. Look for a table that's stuck, someone sitting alone, or a latecomer who needs a seat. Give facilitators a quiet five-minute heads-up at 7:40.

Slide 8 | Prayer setup

On screen

Let's pray

Thank God for making you on purpose.

Ask Him to help you notice Him this week.

What to say

"Let's bring it back up here for just a minute."

"In a moment, your facilitator is going to ask each of you for one thing you'd like prayer for. If you'd rather not pray out loud, that's completely fine. Nobody is going to put you on the spot, and your facilitator will close in prayer."

"Here's what I'd love for you to pray about tonight. Thank God for making you on purpose, and ask Him to help you notice Him this week. Facilitators, go ahead."

Host note

Give tables about eight minutes.

Slide 9 | Dismissal

On screen

See you next Wednesday

Week 2: Your Origin Story · October 7 · 6:30pm

This week: do the Week 1 daily readings in your book

Bring someone with you

What to say

"Alright, let's come back together. Thank you all for being here tonight. And facilitators, thank you." (Name them if you can.)

"Before you head out, two things. This week, take a look at the Week 1 daily readings in your book. And next Wednesday, October 7, we're back here at 6:30 for Week 2, Your Origin Story."

"Remember that one person you thought of earlier? Bring them with you next week."

"Parents, you can pick up your kids at [location]. Have a great night, and we'll see you next Wednesday."

Host note

Bring everyone back up front at 7:55 and end by 8:00.

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Point people to the after party here instead of the bring-a-friend line, then give the invitation to bring someone next Wednesday as the last line.

If something goes wrong

- **The video won't play.** Switch to the backup link on your laptop. If nothing works, move tables straight into discussion using the "This week" summary in the Leader Guide, and send everyone the video link afterward.
- **A facilitator doesn't show.** Merge that table with another one, or lead it yourself if you have someone who can watch the clock up front.
- **More people than seats.** Set up another table and ask your strongest facilitator to split their table, or pair a newcomer with an experienced participant.
- **Someone shares something that needs follow-up.** Make sure the facilitator has the person's name and number, and pass it to your campus pastor that night.
- **You're behind schedule.** Cut the icebreaker short. Don't shorten prayer or go past 8:00.