

LOGS Week 2 Host Guide

Creation: Your Origin Story · Wednesday, October 7 · 6:30–8:00pm

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What tonight is for

Tonight moves from the whole universe to each person's life. The teaching covers three things: every person was made in God's image, God knew their story before they were born, and He placed them in their time and place so they would look for Him. It also introduces the question LOGS keeps coming back to: When did God first become real to you?

Some people will be here for the first time tonight, either because they missed Week 1 or because someone brought them. Welcome them the same way you welcomed everyone on night one. You handle the welcome, the recap, 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, printed questions on every table, slides and video loaded, pre-show slide up Slide 1

6:10 Facilitator huddle and prayer

6:20 Doors open, greeters out, water ready Slide 1

6:30 Welcome and first-timers Slide 2 · 3 min

6:33 Recap of Week 1 Slide 3 · 3 min

6:36 Invitation: potluck night Slide 4 · 2 min

6:38 Icebreaker at tables Slide 5 · 10 min

6:48 Set up the video Slide 6 · 1 min

6:49 Play the video About 20 min

7:10 Ground rules, then table discussion with printed questions Slide 7 · 35 min

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

7:55 Dismissal and invitation reminder Slide 9 · 5 min

8:00 Done

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. If the night starts late, it still ends at 8:00. Take the time out of the icebreaker and the recap, and keep as much discussion time as you can.

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 video, then Slides 7 through 9.

Slide 1 | Pre-show

On screen

Welcome to Living Out God's Story

Grab a water, 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. In the facilitator huddle, ask facilitators to watch for new faces at their tables, introduce them to everyone, and make sure each one has a participant guide.

Slide 2 | Welcome

On screen

Welcome back to LOGS

Living Out God's Story · Week 2

First time here? We're glad you came.

What to say

"Hi everyone, welcome back to Living Out God's Story! If we haven't met yet, my name is [your name], and I'm [your role] here at [campus]."

"If tonight is your first night with us, welcome. We're really glad you're here. You haven't missed anything you can't catch up on. Your facilitator will make sure you have a guide, and last week's video is at eastside.com/leader if you want to watch it this week."

"Let's give everyone who's new tonight a warm welcome." (Lead the applause.)

"A few quick reminders. Restrooms are [location], water is [location], and we'll finish right at 8:00. [If your campus has childcare: If your kids are in childcare, you'll pick them up at (location).]"

Host note

Welcome first-timers as a group. Don't ask them to stand or raise their hands, since many people would rather not be singled out on their first night.

Slide 3 | Last week

On screen

Last week: In the Beginning

God made the world, and every person in it, on purpose.

You were made in His image and called "very good."

What to say

"Last week we started where the Bible starts: 'In the beginning, God.' We saw God from two angles. In Genesis 1 He's powerful, speaking the universe into being. In Genesis 2 He's close, forming the first person from the dust and breathing life into him."

"The big takeaway was that your value was settled on the sixth day. You were made in God's image and called very good before you ever did anything right or wrong."

"Tonight we go from the whole universe to your own life. We're looking at your origin story."

Slide 4 | Invitation

On screen

Save the date: Potluck Night

Week 4 · Wednesday, October 21

Every table brings something to share. We'll provide sodas and water.

What to say

"I want you to put something on your calendar. In two weeks, on Week 4, we're having a potluck night together. Every table will get to decide what you bring to share at your table. We want everyone to bring something." (Give a few examples, like chips and salsa, a salad, a main dish, or a dessert.) "We will provide sodas and waters for you."

"We'll share more details soon, including what to bring. For now, save the date, and think about who you'd like to invite to join you."

Slide 5 | Icebreaker

On screen

Around your table

Everyone has an origin story. Share one fun or surprising fact about where you come from: your hometown, your family, or your childhood.

What to say

"Here's the question for your table tonight. Everyone has an origin story. Share one fun or surprising fact about where you come from: your hometown, your family, or your childhood."

(Have fun with this one.) "We don't need the whole biography of your life, from the delivery room to last Tuesday. Just some good details that make you, you."

"If someone at your table is new tonight, this is a great way to get to know them. Facilitators, go first. You've got about 8 to 10 minutes."

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

Week 2 | Creation

Your Origin Story: Discovering God's Hand in Your Beginning

What to say

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

"Last week we looked at how God made the world. Tonight we're looking at how He made you. Tonight's teaching also introduces a question we'll keep coming back to for the rest of LOGS: When did God first become real to you?"

"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 2 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.

Slide 7 | Table discussion

On screen

Table time

This is a safe place to be honest.

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

"Same ground rules as last week, and if you're new, this is how our tables work."

"Everything shared at the table stays at the table, or in your personal prayer time. We're not here to fix anyone. We're here to listen and walk with each other. Don't monopolize the conversation, so everyone gets a chance to share. And respect one another."

"Tonight's questions are on your table, and your facilitator will choose where to start. Facilitators, it's all yours. We'll come back together at 7:45."

Host note

This slide stays up for the whole discussion time. Tonight's questions are printed and placed at each table before doors open, and facilitators decide which ones to use. While tables talk, walk the space and 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 that He knew you and wanted you before you were born.

Ask Him to show you where He's been at work in your story.

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, and your facilitator will close in prayer."

"Tonight, thank God that He knew you and wanted you before you were born, and ask Him to show you where He's been at work in your story. Facilitators, go ahead."

Host note

Give tables about eight minutes.

Slide 9 | Dismissal

On screen

See you next Wednesday

Week 3: The Fall · October 14 · 6:30pm

This week: do the Week 2 daily readings in your book

Save the date: Potluck Night, Week 4, October 21

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.)

"This week, do the Week 2 daily readings in your book, and keep thinking about tonight's last question: When did God first become real to you? You'll share your answer with a partner in Week 8."

"Next Wednesday, October 14, we're back here at 6:30 for Week 3, The Fall. And don't forget, potluck night is the week after that, on October 21. More details are coming soon."

"[If your campus has childcare: Parents, you can pick up your kids at (location).] Have a great night, and we'll see you next week."

Host note

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

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.