

LOGS Week 3 Host Guide

The Fall: Brokenness Enters the Story · Wednesday, October 14 · 6:30–8:00pm

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What tonight is for

The tone changes tonight. After two weeks in the goodness of Creation, the teaching looks at how brokenness entered God's world: the serpent's question, "Did God really say...?", and the disconnection that followed. It also shows the two signs of hope God planted right away, the promise of a Rescuer and a guarded way back to the tree of life. Some people may carry real pain into their tables tonight, so keep the front of the evening warm and steady.

The big push tonight is next week's potluck. Every table should leave knowing what they're bringing. You handle the welcome, the recap, the potluck 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 2 Slide 3 · 2 min

6:35 Potluck invitation Slide 4 · 3 min

6:38 Tables plan the potluck, then icebreaker 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 potluck reminder Slide 9 · 5 min

8:00Done

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.

Next week: Potluck Night!

We start at 6:30.

Host note

Up from 6:00 until you walk up to welcome people. In the facilitator huddle, tell facilitators that tables will plan their potluck dish during the first two minutes of the icebreaker, and ask them to lead that quickly. Remind them that tonight can bring up real pain, and to end their table's time on the hope of Genesis 3:15.

Slide 2 | Welcome

On screen

Welcome back to LOGS

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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. Your facilitator will make sure you have a guide, and the videos from the first two weeks are at eastside.com/leader if you want to catch up."

"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.

Slide 3 | Last week

On screen

Last week: Your Origin Story

God knew you before you were born.

He placed you in your time and place so you would find Him.

What to say

"Last week we moved from the whole universe to your own life. We saw in Psalm 139 that God knew you before you were born, and in Acts 17 that He placed you in your time and place so you would look for Him and find Him."

"We also started asking the question we'll keep coming back to: When did God first become real to you? Keep thinking about that one."

Slide 4 | Potluck invitation

On screen

Next week: Potluck Night

Week 4 · Wednesday, October 21 · 6:30pm

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

Bring a friend!

What to say

"Next week is potluck night, and we're really excited about it. On Wednesday, October 21, we're going to eat together as we go into Week 4."

"Every table gets to decide what you bring to share at your table, and we want everyone to bring something." (Give a few examples, like chips and salsa, a salad, a main dish, or a dessert.) "We'll provide sodas and water."

"In just a minute, before you start your table question, take two minutes and decide as a table who's bringing what. And this is a great week to invite someone. It's a lot easier to say 'come eat with us' than 'come to a Bible study.'"

Host note

If your campus has details on plates, utensils, serving tables, or food allergies, add them here.

Slide 5 | Icebreaker

On screen

Around your table

First: decide what your table is bringing to next week's potluck.

Then: What's a favorite plot twist from a movie or book, a moment when the story turned and you never saw it coming?

What to say

"Facilitators, start by taking two minutes to plan your potluck. Make sure everyone at the table knows what they're bringing."

"Then here's the question for your table: what's a favorite plot twist from a movie or book, a moment when the story turned and you never saw it coming?"

(Have fun with this one.) "One rule: no spoilers for anything that came out this year. Somebody at your table is still planning to watch it."

"You've got about 8 to 10 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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Brokenness Enters the Story

What to say

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

"For two weeks we've been in the goodness of creation. Tonight the story takes a turn. We're going to look at how brokenness came into God's good world, and why the world, and our own lives, feel the way they do."

"It's a heavier night, and it doesn't end in the dark. As you watch, listen for the hope God puts right in the middle of it. Let's watch."

Host note

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

Play the video

Week 3 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

"Tonight's conversation might get more personal than the first two weeks, so these ground rules matter even more."

"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. While tables talk, walk the space and look for a table that's stuck, someone sitting alone, or a latecomer who needs a seat. If someone at a

table is having a hard night, make sure the facilitator knows who your campus pastor is. Give facilitators a quiet five-minute heads-up at 7:40.

Slide 8 | Prayer setup

On screen

Let's pray

Bring God the places you feel disconnected.

Thank Him that He promised a way back.

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, bring God the places where you feel disconnected, from Him, from people, or from the life you want. And thank Him that on the same day everything fell apart, He already promised a way back. Facilitators, go ahead."

Host note

Give tables about eight minutes.

Slide 9 | Dismissal

On screen

See you next week for Potluck Night!

Week 4 · Wednesday, October 21 · 6:30pm

Bring what your table planned to share

Invite a friend to eat with us

This week: do the Week 3 daily readings in your book

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.)

"Next Wednesday is potluck night! Bring what your table planned, and we'll have sodas and water ready. Week 4 is called Your Turning Point, and it's one of the most important nights of LOGS, so you won't want to miss it."

"Think of one person you can invite to come eat with us. A meal is one of the easiest invitations you'll ever make."

"This week, do the Week 3 daily readings in your book. [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.