

CONVERSATION STARTERS SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

LEADER CHECK-IN

1. This is a guide to help start a conversation. Use as much as is helpful and then facilitate from there. And remember, you don't have to have all the answers. But you can lead by asking thoughtful questions!
2. Consider inviting an "apprentice leader" to our fall Life Group leader training on September 22nd or 23rd.

GET STARTED

1. Play "*For or Against*" by having the group respond out loud whether they're "for" or "against" the following: pineapple on pizza, the Maple Leafs, cilantro, crocs, and NASCAR.
2. What are some common perceptions you've heard about the church from people outside the church? Do you think the church is known more for what it's against or what it's for?

REVIEW

1. You may want to watch this week's message as a refresher. Or try picking a spot with 10-15 minutes to go to review the main ideas. Messages are found at southridgechurch.ca/messages.
2. Feel free to try one or two of these: What did you hear in this week's message? What ideas stood out? What did you agree with? Disagree with? What questions came to mind? How did it make you feel?

REFLECT

1. What would you say is the greatest barrier to trying church? How have you been affected by this barrier in your own life or potentially contributed to it in the lives of others?
2. If you were to imagine the ideal church, what would it look like?
3. Read [Romans 8:31-34](#) a few times. As you read together, notice how many times it says, "for us." How would the church have to be different to make people realize that God is for them and not against them?

RESPOND

1. Who are four people in your life that you can intentionally choose to be *FOR* in the coming season? Pray that God would bring the right people to mind for you to care for and invest in this fall.

