Pray together to enter the study
Read text aloud (2-3 verses per person)

FRAME *2 min to read aloud*

In John 3, Nicodemus, a respected Jewish leader, asked how to enter the kingdom of God and have eternal life. Jesus responded with v16 – 17.

In Ephesians, Paul, a follower of Jesus, wrote this letter to Christians in Ephesus to further explain what Jesus said to Nicodemus (in John).

OBSERVE

5 min to reflect alone, 5 min to all share

Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.

Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.

INTERPRET

3 min to gather q's, 12 min to discuss

Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?

Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.

Answer your questions from the text and context.

SUMMARIZE & SPOTLIGHT

1 min to read the summary aloud

Jesus says we can have eternal life because God sent His son. Paul further explains that while we were sinful, God was showing great love by giving us a path to life through Jesus.

3 min to individually write a main point
2 min for all to share, end with leader

A SERVANT'S HEART: SACRIFICE

John 3:16 – 17 & Ephesians 2:1 – 10 (NIV)

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

INVITATION

5 min for individual reflection, 5 min to share as a group

Take a few minutes to brainstorm where you can sacrificially love in your contexts (the hospital, school, at home, etc.). Choose one way you will love someone sacrificially this week, and write it below:

CONCLUDE

5 min to pray for each other and your applications

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