

Route 45 Preteen Ministry



“En Route to Becoming More Like Christ”

FOCUS GROUP MODERATOR PACKET

Thank you for agreeing to moderate today’s focus group. The purpose of today’s focus group is to gather opinions from current 3rd and 4th graders regarding their views and feelings about Sunday school here at Central Presbyterian Church. Here are a few important details for you to keep in mind:

- Your role is to moderate today’s discussion with a mixed group of 6 to 8 3rd and 4th graders.
- Our focus groups will be structured around a set of carefully predetermined questions, but the discussion should be free-flowing. Our discussion will last approximately 40 - 45 minutes.
- You have a responsibility to adequately cover all prepared questions within the time allotted. You also have a responsibility to get all participants to talk and fully explain their answers. Some helpful probes include:
 - “Can you talk about that more?”
 - “Help me understand what you mean.”
 - “Can you give an example?”

FOCUS GROUP SCHEDULE

WELCOME

Encourage the children to help themselves to donut holes and juice. Then say: **Thanks for agreeing to be a part of our group today. I appreciate your willingness to participate.**

INTRODUCTION

Introduce yourself to the children and have them share their first names.

PURPOSE OF FOCUS GROUP

Say: **Miss Kathie is in charge of the elementary Sunday school here at Central and she has asked me to lead our time together today. The reason we are having these groups is to find out what you’d like to see in our new ministry to 4th and 5th graders this September. Our ministry to 4th & 5th graders will be called Route 45. We need your input and want you to share your honest and open thoughts with us.**

GUIDELINES

Say: **During our time together today, I’d like you to keep the following things in mind:**

1. **We want you to do the talking. We would like everyone to participate. I may call on you if I haven’t heard from you in a while.**
2. **There are no right or wrong answers. Everyone’s experiences and opinions are important. Feel free to speak up whether you agree or disagree because we want to hear a wide range of opinions.**
3. **Have fun!**

FOCUS GROUP QUESTIONS

Say: **At the end of our time together today, I'm going to ask you a question. The question is: If you could ask God one question, what would it be? If that question pops into your mind as we're talking, I want you to write it down on this note card. (Give a note card and pencil to each child.) But I will ask you again at the end to write an answer down if you haven't already. So let's begin...**

1. What things do you **enjoy** about church?

2. What things do you **not enjoy** about church?

3. What do you wish you did **more of** at church?

4. What do you wish you did **less of** at church?

5. The room that we're sitting in will be just for kids in Route 45. What kinds of things do you think should be in this room or what would it look like?

6. Do you invite friends to church? Why or why not?

7. What would make you want to invite a friend to church?

8. What kinds of fun events would you like to do at church?

9. If you could ask God one question, what would it be? Jot that down on the note card that I gave you.