* Jeff opens with a quick review of last week on “Who is God?”
* Jeff explains group questions, goal, and dismisses for group time.
* We will gather back as one group for the last 10-15 mins to discuss the subject further using the feedback from small group time to fuel it.

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***Connection Group Time:***

This is the second week of our apologetics series, and we’re identifying who we are as the Church, why we gather in times like this, and what our ultimate purpose is.

*Have some students look up the following passages of Scripture to read aloud at the designated time:*

*Ephesians 1:22, Ephesians 5:25-27, Matthew 16:13-19*

**1. (Have the designated student read Eph 1:22) What do you think it means for the church to be “Christ’s body,” as explained here?**

(For students after their initial answers or if there is a long stalling): Think back to last week and God’s Spirit present in us and around us if that helps with your answer.

***Follow-up question: What is the purpose of a body? How does it function for its own benefit and the benefit of others?***

**2. (Have the designated student read Eph 5:25-27) Before Christ was made head of the Church, Christ died for the Church. How does the description of what Christ did for the Church here not only influence how husbands should love their wives, but how we should love and build up one another?**

(For students, after their initial answers or if there is a long stalling): Think back to John 13 in the upper room, which we cover every year on Maundy Thursday before Easter. Jesus washes the feet of the disciples, and then tells them to do what? (*answer – do for each other/others what I have done for you, followed by “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.* *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

**3.** **(Have the designated student read the Matthew 16 passage) This is the first time the Church is mentioned in Scripture. What do you think Jesus means here in his response to Peter?**

*A little insight on the keys Jesus will (so, in the future) give him/the Church - those are likely a reference to the keys Jesus holds in Revelation 1 and 3: the keys of life & death with power over them both thanks to his death and resurrection, and the key of David signifying his possession and oversight of all heavenly treasures. For Jesus specifically, they also signify his glory and majesty.*

**Gather back in the youth room together at the time Jeff designated before small groups.**