



Head coach's guide

Lesson 003 – What's in the Box?

- Meeting prep
 - Have the following items up front:
 - A large box or plastic crate. Place an item inside they'd never guess. Item doesn't have to fill the box. (I used a Ukelele). Put the box at the front of the room where everyone can see it. Put a "DO NOT TOUCH" sign on it.
 - 1 index card for each table coach. Each card has the name of an object that might fit in the box. Examples: Football. Circular saw. Work boots. Bicycle helmet.
 - DO NOT include the real item's name. Every object is a lie.
 - A Bible
- Before the meeting
 - Call your table coaches together. Hand out one card to each coach.
 - Tell the coaches, "One of these cards is truly what's in the box. The others are a lie."
 - Read the card. Then convince the room that you are telling the truth. Sell it! The man who gets the most votes is the winner: the Best Liar. At the end you'll see who was telling the truth.
- 1. Welcome
 - Did you use your GodTime devotional last week?
 - Who can tell me last week's parable?
- 2. Game Time
 - Call the Table coaches forward.
 - Say this to all the disciples: "We're going to play a game called THE BEST LIAR. One of these coaches is telling the truth. The others are lying. Listen to their theories. Then we're going to vote on who we think is telling the truth. Whoever gets the most votes is the winner."
 - The coaches share their lies

- Head coach: OK, who thinks #1 is telling the truth? (count votes) #2? (count votes, etc)
 - Once the votes are in, declare a winner. DO NOT allow him to touch the box.
 - Say to the crowd, “We will be opening the box at the end of the meeting, so stay tuned.
 - Say to the crowd, “Before we play the parable video, I have a question for you: Just because he got the most votes does that mean he’s telling the truth?
 - 3. Play the parable video
 - 4. Table talk 1: What did it mean?
 - 5. Five interpretations.
 - 6. Play the interpretation video
 - 7. Breaking Down the Parable (Large group)
 - A certain man CAME ACROSS a box. What does this represent?
 - 1. Our discovery of God
 - 2. How do people discover God today? (Online)
 - It was protected by an invisible force field. What does this represent?
 - 1. We cannot see or touch God
 - What does he do after he gets shocked?
 - 1. He does his best to come up with a theory
 - Was his theory correct?
 - 1. We don’t know.
 - Did the man’s theories and wishful thinking change what’s inside the box?
 - The big question: If you can’t touch or open the box, what’s the only way to know its true contents?
 - 1. You must rely on the testimony of those who saw what went into the box.
 - Can we really know the truth about what’s inside?
 - 8. Table Talk 2
 - 9. 5 Takeaways – ask 5 men to share what they’re going to take away from this parable
 - 10. Shareable parable
 - 11. Sneak Peek at next week’s parable
 - 12. The Best Liar game: conclusion.
 - Call the table coach who got the most votes up to the front. Ask him to open the box. He opens the box. It’s nothing they expected.
 - Ask the group: OK, what just happened?
 - I lied to you. And your coaches were lying too, but they didn’t know it.
 - See how easy it is to be deceived – even by someone you trust.
 - How can you know the truth?
 - Hold up the Bible
 - Rely on the eyewitness testimony of those who saw what went into the box.
- No touchstone this week.