

GROUP studyguide

WHO IS THIS FOR?

This is to aid those who are leading a group of others in Bible study. Specific examples within our community include our “Ironmen” men’s Bible Study, other men’s Bible studies, our weekly women’s Bible studies and our Small Groups.

A GENERAL GUIDELINE

WHAT TO STUDY: Some groups (this is our primary recommendation) simply read through the Bible together, discuss it and apply it to their lives. Some groups use specifically designed group study guides, ie. Beth Moore or K. Arther studies. Some groups use a video series like “Follow the Rabbi” and some groups choose a book to go through together. We recommend that whatever is used that it be Biblically based and give glory and honor to our Messiah Jesus.

HOW TO STUDY: Here is what we recommend doing:

ROUTINE: Set a routine time to gather around the Word.

EXAMPLES: 1st and 3rd Friday nights or Every Saturday morning.

READ: Pick a book of the Bible and read through a section of it each time you meet.

REFLECT: Share insights with each other on the passage and it’s personal application.

ENCOURAGE: Encourage one another by listening, sharing and being open and honest.

PRAY: Share prayer requests and if possible pray out loud for each other.

EXAMPLE: ask each other, “How can I pray for you?” and then do that.

(If using a series or guide, often times the study method is built in.)

Helpful Hints

- ~ Let people have a chance to talk. Don’t be afraid of uncomfortable silences. It typically takes at least 8 seconds for most people to formulate a thought or ask a question.
- ~ Be a question asker more than an answer giver. Sometimes when leading a group study we think we need to know all of the answers. It is much better to come in with a good list of questions for everyone to process than a short list of answers that you’ve already chewed on.
- ~ Don’t let, “not having all of the answers” keep you from looking at the text ahead of time. Come Spiritually prepared. Dig into a little bit. Use our online resources and your own study time to spend time with God and the passage.
- ~ Share responsibility with others. People generally like to be asked to contribute. If treats are involved or a place to host is needed, don’t be afraid to ask people. Some people in your group may also enjoy leading a discussion as well.

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