

Bible Study Leader Guide

Before the Meeting

- Pray for the group and ask the Lord to guide your discussion.
 - Read the assigned Bible passages and the Bible Study Guide before the meeting.
 - Determine in advance which sections of the Guide you want to focus on.
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During the Meeting

- Begin your time together in prayer. You can take prayer requests at the beginning or the end of your meeting.
 - Prioritize listening to and addressing questions that members of the group may have related to the week's readings.
 - If a question arises that you cannot answer, it is perfectly acceptable to say, "That's a great question. Let's study it further and come back to it."
 - As the group gets more comfortable with one another, please rely on volunteers to read aloud sections of the Study Guide.
 - The Discussion Questions that are provided are prompts for conversation. Accordingly, you do not need to make sure every question is answered.
 - Focus on helping people discover what Scripture teaches rather than simply giving answers.
 - Allow the conversation to develop naturally. If meaningful discussion arises, do not feel pressured to move on simply to cover more material. At the same time, if you feel the group wandering down a "rabbit trail" that is not beneficial to the group overall, then feel free to redirect attention back to the Study Guide.
 - Remember that the Bible Study Guides contain more content than most groups will discuss in a single meeting. It is perfectly acceptable if you do not complete every section.
 - Close in prayer.
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A Final Encouragement

The goal of your meeting time is to help people grow in their understanding of God's Word so that they may be better equipped to serve Him, and better prepared to face the challenges of tomorrow.