

# GROUP STUDY TEMPLATE



*Use this guide as a template for regular Bible study with a friend or group.*

## 1. LOOK BACK (COMMUNITY)

*Talk about your week*

What are you thankful for and what was challenging?

How did it go with your “I will...” statement?

Who did you tell and what was their response?

## 2. LOOK UP (TRUTH)

*Read & Retell*

One person reads the Bible passage out loud as others follow along. Someone else retells the story and others fill in what’s missing.

*Read & Look*

Read the passage again.

Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or His plan.

*Read & Look Again*

Read the passage once more.

Discuss what this passage says about people.

## 3. LOOK AHEAD (OBEDIENCE)

*Inside me*

According to this study, what am I doing well?

What do I need to change?

*Who else?*

Who needs to hear this story, and how can I tell them?

Who can I invite to study the Bible?

*I will...*

In order to apply this scripture, this upcoming week I will...

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## GROUP GUIDELINES

Read these five guidelines to the group as you begin the first three or four sessions.

1. Everyone shares in sentences, not paragraphs.
2. Focus only on what this passage is saying, not on other passages or what you may have read or heard from other people.
3. Focus only on what this group is seeing.
4. Give people time to respond. Silence is OK.
5. The facilitator should facilitate discussion, not teach.

## FACILITATOR GUIDELINES

1. Keep the session on schedule and complete all sections, though not necessarily all questions.
2. Prepare before by studying passage, looking for main idea, and think of some examples, stories or applications from your own life.
3. Respond to questions by asking group, “What in the passage helps us answer that question?”
4. Respond to distracting comments by asking, “Where is that found in this passage?”
4. Respond to “strange” answers by asking, “Help us understand what you are thinking.”