

Leader Pray

Begin Group each week by praying. Using your notes to refresh and remind your thoughts - prayer for each person's specific requests from the previous week's **Respond** portion of group (obey, train/encourage, share).

Reflect (1/3 of your time)

1ST THIRD

Check-up: Combine 3 questions into one question and ask entire group:

- Did anyone share your testimony or the Gospel last week? Please share.
- Did anyone encourage or train someone in what we learned last week? Please share.
- Anyone have an encouraging story about how you obeyed what you learned last week?

Read (1/3 of your time)

2ND THIRD

Pray audibly and ask God to teach you the passage we are getting ready to read. Example: *"Open our minds to understand Your Word."* (Luke 24:45)

Read this week's passage (Scripture):

1. What did you like about this passage?
2. Did you find anything difficult about this passage?

Read this week's **passage again** and Discuss:

3. What does this passage teach about God?
4. What does this passage teach about people?

DISCUSSION PRO TIPS

- Prepare beforehand. Spend time reading the weekly passage and in prayer, asking what is God saying to me right now?
- Don't over complicate the process. Try to stick to the questions as you understand them.
- Focus on the words of this passage. Don't refer to things you read or heard elsewhere too much.
- Focus on what the group is seeing and reading. Everyone should share in sentences, not paragraphs. Give people time to respond. Silence is okay.
- Be a navigator of discussion, not a teacher of curriculum.
- It's okay to not have the "right" answers to every question. "I don't know" or "let me look into it before our next meeting" is a great response.
- Lead the way for others - model openness and authenticity.
- Respond to questions by asking group "What in the passage helps us answer that question?"
- Respond to distracting comments by asking, "Where is that found in this passage?"
- Respond to "strange" answers by asking, "Help us understand what you are thinking."
- Try to have everyone in your group re-tell the passage in their own words.
- Help others apply the passage in their life with "I will" statements.
- Be on the lookout for others you could encourage to go be on mission and start their own group!



Respond (1/3 of your time)

3RD THIRD

Pray audibly for the Holy Spirit to show each person in your group how to answer the following three questions. (You can also combine these questions)

1. How will you obey this passage?
2. Who will you train or encourage with this passage?
3. With whom will you share your testimony or the Gospel?

Give each person the opportunity to meditate back over the Scripture and **pray silently**. **Set a timer for 3-5 minutes** so that everyone has the opportunity to pray, and knows when this time will end.

After time of prayer ask each person these 3 questions & write down answers:

1. How did the Holy Spirit prompt you to obey what you learned from today's passage? **Encourage the group to make note of specific verse from passage.*
2. Who did the Holy Spirit place on your heart to train or encourage with our passage today?
3. Who did the Holy Spirit place on your heart to share your testimony or the Gospel, invite to Group, or invite to sit with you at church?

Pray audibly - Ask God to prepare the hearts of the people who will be hearing about Jesus this week. Ask Him to give each person the strength to be obedient to her commitments.

*As the leader, prioritize praying daily for each person in your group.

