

writing a bible study

Disciple 13 Resources

Use this worksheet to develop a discussion based Bible study for a small group.

step 1: select a passage

If one has not already been selected for you, you must choose a passage to study. Pick something you've been challenged by in your personal study recently, something that's been on your heart, or something you've studied before.

Write the book, chapter and verse of the passage here: _____

step 2: prepare yourself

Spend some time reading the passage you've selected. Pray about it and meditate on it. Ask God to reveal himself to you through this passage. Try to discern the focus of the passage. The point of it.

If you have study materials available, you might even read a commentary or two on the passage. Try to get to the heart of what the passage is saying.

In one sentence, state the point of the passage here:

step 3: intro

Clear your mind—don't think about the passage—and read the focus statement you wrote above. What's comes to mind?

Write 1-2 intro questions based your answer to the last question.

step 4: bible study

Now, keeping the point of the passage in mind, write 3-4 discussion questions about the passage. Remember that good discussion questions have no right or wrong answer. Good discussion questions are “how” questions.

And good discussion questions *promote discussion*. These questions should focus on the passage rather than on the group members as this is less threatening and will lead naturally to the application questions.

step 5: application

Finally, write 1-2 application questions. These should bring the passage back home—they should make the point of the passage real and applicable.

Now is your chance to challenge the group with the meaning of the passage. Look at your focus statement one more time...and then write questions that will draw the group toward that focus.

step 6: teaching note

Your last step is simply to fill out the teaching note on the following page. Use this as your guide when leading the study.

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passage:

the point

intro questions

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read: the passage

1.

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3.

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application

1.

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