

Study Guide

Talk

What are you thankful for?
What is causing you stress?
Who needs our help? How can we help them?

Look back (session 2+)

Retell story from the previous meeting.
What did you do differently because of this story?
Who did you tell and what was the reaction?

Read & Retell

One person reads the new Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.
Someone else retells the story and others fill in what is 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 **humans.**

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?



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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.
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?"
5. Respond to "strange" answers by asking, "Help us understand what you are thinking."