

the BIBLE SAYS



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT

Discussion
Guide

Thank you for being a part of the Bible Says series! We've prayerfully created this series with the hope that you will see the Bible as the tried, true, and trustworthy source of wisdom, guidance and clarity for all of life's questions and issues. As you explore this series as a small group, we pray that you would come to see that "Every word of God proves true (Prov. 30:5)"!! Exploring this series as a small group is key! There is nothing better than people gathering in community to grow in Christ and to grow with each other. It is more than just studying together, you're learning how to do life together. Get ready for some fascinating discussions!

Whether you've been gathering as a group for a while or it's your first time meeting each other, we want to help you set the tone for your group. What's the first thing to do? Pray. Pray for the people coming to your group. Pray for the life change that will happen. Pray for God to work in and through you and the people of your group. Pray for God to bring you peace in moving forward with all of the planning and details.

Give yourself time and start preparing for your first meeting weeks in advance. You don't want the first meeting date to sneak up on you! Set aside some time in your day to start working through the details of your small groups, such as the examples listed below:

PLAN AHEAD



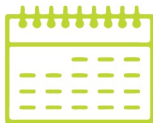
Will you have a co-HOST?
If so, schedule time to connect with him/her.



If you're offering childcare, figure out the arrangements and how to communicate them to the group.



Connect with the people coming to your group, let them know how excited you are to have them join you, and communicate any important information.



Plan out your group meeting calendar. What time? How often? Where? Will you be taking a break for any holidays?



Make sure that your technology is working. Test connection cords, internet strength, screens, tablets, or whatever you'll be using to play your videos.

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Now the time is here for your first small group meeting.

How exciting! You're pumped and ready to host! You can't wait to meet the new faces of your group as well as the familiar ones. But what happens next after you welcome everyone through the door?

- + Allow a little time for people to eat and connect, but make sure they know what time discussion will start.
- + Have people silence their phones to minimize distractions during discussion, if possible.
- + Open group discussion time with prayer.
- + Use an icebreaker to help break the tension.
- + Share group expectations and any housekeeping rules, as well as any announcements.
- + After the first meeting, briefly check in with members to see how their week's been.
- + Brief recap of the previous week(s) message - Ask how they've been seeing it/applying it so far and allow a brief moment for any questions or thoughts.
- + Watch the video together.
- + Discuss the lesson using the discussion notes included below.

- + Ask for prayer requests and close the meeting in prayer.
- + Announce your next meeting date and time and what you'll be covering.
- + Where are you meeting?
- + Who's bringing food? If you're doing sign-ups, make sure people know where and how to sign up before they leave.
- + If you're offering childcare, is that set to go for next time?
- + Share how your group will communicate throughout the week outside of your meeting.
- + And of course, you're more than welcome to continue eating and chit-chatting!

once everyone leaves...

Report your group's attendance in Planning Center Groups, stay in contact with your members until your next meeting, and continue praying over your group members until your next meeting.

Don't forget, invite your group members to help! Maybe someone else can offer to host at their house? Or maybe another person can facilitate the discussion for one of the weeks in the series. Have people take turns bringing refreshments. We've attached a small group roster and meeting calendar to help you plan your meeting dates, and it can also be a snack sign-up list! Please feel free to contact our Small Groups Team at smallgroups@lifepointchurch.tv with any questions. Happy HOSTing!

week one

what does the bible say about the bible?



Would you rather
have hands for feet
or feet for hands?

Where did you get
your first Bible?

1. What's the difference between believing in something and agreeing with something?
2. Do you believe everything in the Bible is true? Do you agree with it? Why or why not?
3. What helped you decide what you believe or don't believe in scripture?
4. How do you feel about all of the different people being used to write the Bible? Does it make it more or less credible to you?
 - (a) Knowing God used someone just like you to write the Bible, does it make it harder or easier for you to believe what's in it?
 - (b) Do you believe that God can use you the same way, too?
5. Why do you read the Bible? What's your attitude/approach? Are you reading it for history, for knowledge, to hear a word for someone else, or to try and apply it to yourself?
6. Do you believe that God is seeking you and is interested in building a relationship with you? Why or why not?
7. Share some ways to pray before you start reading your Bible that can help you build a better relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

MATTHEW 4:4

verse of the week

now what?

What does Matthew 4:4 mean to you?

What are you going to change about your Bible reading this week? Try a new translation? Find a new reading plan? Share with the group.

Take time daily to pray and build on your relationship with God. Ask Him to show you what you need to see and understand that day and how you can apply it.

week two

what does the bible say about jesus?



icebreaker

If you were invisible for a day, what would you do first?

Close your eyes and think of the image you have of Jesus. What comes to mind?

1. Jesus fulfilled over 200 Old Testament prophecies. What were some of them? Which ones are the most amazing to you? Which one do you wish you could have seen in person?

2. What does it mean that Jesus came and dealt with the four different aspects of sin: Pollution, power, penalty, and partition?

3. Why do you think Jesus frequently spoke in parables?

4. We all know who Jesus is, but share who Jesus is to YOU.

5. How do you describe Jesus to someone who has never met him?

verse of the week
JOHN 14:6

now what?

In John 14:6, Jesus tells us, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." What's one thing you can do this week to step up your devotion life? The more time you spend with a person, the better you will get to know them.

Find a worship song that expresses the way you see Jesus and share it at the next meeting.

Who in your life can help you know Jesus better? Go to lunch and have a conversation with someone you know will study scripture with you, help you with questions, and pray for your relationship with Christ. Small Group members are a great place to start!

week three

what does the bible say about the holy spirit?



icebreaker

What's the best vacation you've ever taken?

How would you describe the Holy Spirit to someone who doesn't know?

1. How was the Holy Spirit present in the Old Testament?
2. Describe the Holy Spirit in your own words.
3. What's the purpose of the Holy Spirit? How does He influence us today?
4. Share some examples of times when the Holy Spirit intervened in your life.
5. How has the Holy Spirit changed your attitude? Do you have new desires?
6. What spiritual gifts did you notice in your life after accepting god into your life?
7. How do you feel knowing that the same Spirit that lived in Jesus now lives in you today?

verse of the week
JOHN 14:16-17

now what?

This week, meditate on John 14:16-17. Invite the Holy Spirit to show His presence in your life this week and be on the lookout for the way that He shows up.

Ask for the Spirit to help you grow and be more like Jesus. Pray to receive His love in the areas of your life that you need it.

Figure out how to put your spiritual gifts to use. Is it volunteering in your community or at your church? Is it reaching out to a friend in need of some encouragement? Take one step forward into using your gifts this week.

week four

what does the bible say about spiritual warfare?



1. What is spiritual warfare? Who experiences it? What does it look like today?
2. Where does spiritual warfare sneak up on you?
3. Which piece of the Armor of God is the easiest for you to remember? Which piece is the most difficult for you to remember?
4. How does it make you feel knowing that the lord fights our battles with us?
5. Are there any spiritual battles that you feel that you've lost? Why? What would make you get back in the fight?

What's something that's always guaranteed to make you laugh?

What's the first piece of clothing, jewelry, or accessory that you put on in the morning? Why?

verse of the week
EPHESIANS 6:13-17

now what?

Read Ephesians 6:13-17 and take note of pieces of God's Holy Armor. Are you wearing some or all? Which piece(s) do you need to be more intentional about putting on this week? How are you going to do that?

Which one of God's promises helps you keep going? Meditate on that this week and come back to group ready to share. Whatever battle you're facing right now, don't set up camp there. Keep moving forward.

Don't fight alone. Get connected with someone that can help you fight and commit to having prayer time with them this week.

week five

what does the bible say about sexuality, gender, and marriage?



icebreaker

Everyone shares their favorite movie. Bonus points if they can also share their favorite quote from it!

Has there been a time where you felt like you didn't fit in? What did you do?

1. What's the danger of trying to please both God and the culture?
2. How do you normally handle discussions like these? Why is this such a hard topic to discuss? Should it be?
3. What areas of your life is God asking you to reaffirm in His truth? What do you need to submit to Him?
4. At LifePoint Church, everyone is welcome to come and have their lives wrecked by Jesus. What does this mean to you? How does it make you feel?
5. How does God want to use you as a part of creating a Christ-centered culture? How is He calling you to be different?
6. Has there ever been a time where you caught yourself watering down the truth so you didn't offend anyone? In that situation, was it helpful or harmful?

GALATIANS 1:10

verse of the week

now what?

Think about Galatians 1:10. How are you going to stop serving people and start serving the Lord this week?

Reaffirm those areas in your life that have been immersed with culture to God's truth. Choose to be different.

Know your stuff! What are some scriptures that will help remind you of God's truth? What's the truth that you'll need to hold onto when culture tries to get you to sway?

week six



what does the bible say about money, generosity, and giving?

icebreaker

What's the story behind your name?

Are you a spender or a saver? Why?

1. Do you think of yourself as a good steward of money? Why or why not? Is there room to improve?

2. Which filter do you use when you think of generosity?

Relationship - Give because you care

Difference - Give because it'll make an eternal difference

God - Give because God is speaking to you

3. There is a difference between tithing and being generous. Which one is easier for you and why?

4. What are some concerns or oppositions that you've heard when it comes to tithing?

5. Share a time where you were blessed by someone and what impact that had on your life.

6. Is there an area where you could be more generous with giving or serving more than normal?

7. If we looked at your heart, what would we see that you treasure?

verse of the week
1 TIMOTHY 6:17-18

now what?

Leave a really good tip for a server. Round up your total when the cashier asks if you want to make a donation.

Lean into the message of 1 Timothy 6:17-18. How could you use your money, giving, and generosity to make a difference in someone else's life this week? How can you be a blessing?

What would it look like for you to let God completely have your finances? Pray to let Him have it this week.

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meeting calendar

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join us in the lobby
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the church is a
safe place to ask
questions about
the bible

still thinking
through a question?

7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 pm
11:00 am

service times