

7 STEPS FOR STUDYING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

Step 1: Introduce the Bible study and create context. Talk about who wrote the passage, what kind of genre it is, why it was written, when, how does it fit within the theme of the book etc. This is the work you do as the leader, and can be done with a good commentary or study bible.

Step 2: After introducing the bible study, take the next 5 minutes silently reading the chosen bible passage individually, while writing down all of your observations and questions on pieces of paper, in your journals or in your bibles.

Step 3: Go around the room and have everyone share one thing they observed from what they read. Keep going around the room until there are no other observations to share.

Step 4: Have each student write down one question from what they have read (It could be based on something they don't understand, or something that bothers them etc.) and share that question with the group, and discuss.

Step 5: Ask them what the passage says about Christ and His character/values (We do this under the assumption that all scripture points to Christ in some way).

Step 6: Ask the students to share/write down the main point of the passage...either gently affirm or challenge their conclusion.

Step 7: Finally, have each student write down one thing they will do this next week in light of what they have learned in the bible study.

