

Preparing for a Bible Study With a Bible Study Guide

Study the Bible on your own.

- ❖ Pray for your personal study, your preparation, and your group.
- ❖ Study the Bible yourself before you read what others have to say.
- ❖ Put into practice a truth or lesson from the text.
- ❖ Write a brief summary of the main point.
- ❖ Choose the most relevant application for yourself and your group.
- ❖ Think about whether any background information is needed.

Fill out the student Bible study guide.

- ❖ Write questions you think your group will ask.
- ❖ After you finish the guide, look back at the questions. Mark the type of questions:
 - Observation (who, what, when, where, what action, mood, etc.)
 - Interpretation (questions about the meaning of the text or a truth about God)
 - Application (questions about putting the truth into practice in our own lives)
- ❖ Do the questions move logically from observation to interpretation to application? If not, adjust.
- ❖ Is the main point brought out in this study? If not put it in.

Read the leader's guide.

- ❖ Prayerfully adjust as needed.

Plan the lesson.

- ❖ How can you make the lesson more interactive?
- ❖ Where can you use smaller groups?
- ❖ Plan a community-building activity that fits with the lesson or the class in some way.
- ❖ Plan the end of the lesson with a summary of the main points and a spiritual challenge.
- ❖ Plan the timing of the lesson.
- ❖ Read the passage again the night before the lesson, and pray about it.