

Intentionally Planning Your Bible Study

A quick reference for leading with purpose

KNOW YOUR GROUP

- Who are you leading? Consider their age, spiritual maturity, and familiarity with Scripture.
- How well do they know each other? This shapes how much connection time they need.
- What does your group need most right now? Connection, understanding, challenge, or encouragement?
- Let your group shape every planning decision that follows.

BEFORE YOU LEAD

- Pray: Ask God to guide your preparation and bless your group.
- Know the passage: Study it deeply enough to answer questions and guide discussion confidently.
- Have a basic plan: Outline the session flow — reading, discussion, and prayer time.

WHEN YOU LEAD

- Opening Prayer: Decide how you will open — yourself, a volunteer, or a structured format.
- Icebreaker (optional): A fun or lesson-related question warms up the group.
- Review: Set up the context — who, why, and what of the passage.
- Study: Decide how to read Scripture and guide discussion. Will you pause after sections or read all at once? Will questions be spoken, written, or interactive?
- Conclude: Wrap up with application questions, key takeaways, and closing prayer.

AFTER YOU LEAD

- Follow up: Send a recap, thank participants, and check in on prayer requests.
- Evaluate: Reflect on what went well and where you can grow.
- Seek input: Ask a mentor or trusted leader for feedback.

REFLECT & CONNECT

Planning is not about perfection — it's about preparing faithfully for the people God has placed in front of you. Every intentional decision you make honors Him and serves your group well.