

# Bible Study Planning Worksheet

Intentionally Planning Your Bible Study

*How to use this worksheet: Work through each section in order before your Bible study session. Let your answers in "Know Your Group" shape every decision that follows. This is not about planning a perfect session — it's about preparing faithfully for the real people God has placed in front of you.*

## SESSION DETAILS

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**Date:**

**Passage:**

**Group Name:**

## 1. KNOW YOUR GROUP

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Answer these questions before planning anything else. Every decision in this worksheet should flow from what you know about your group.

### About Your Group

**Age group:**

**Spiritual maturity (new / growing / mature):**

**How well do they know each other?**

**Familiarity with the Bible (low / moderate / high):**

### What does your group need most right now?

- Connection
- Understanding
- Challenge
- Encouragement
- Other:

**Does your group need more help with:**

- Understanding the passage
- Going deeper into the meaning
- Other:

**What does your group need from you as a leader right now?**

**How will what you know about your group shape your plan today?**

## **2. STUDY THE PASSAGE**

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Prepare spiritually and understand the passage before leading others through it. Pray through it, study the context, and identify the main idea.

**What stands out to you in this passage?**

**What is the main idea of this passage?**

**What do you want your group to understand or take away?**

**What questions might come up? How will you handle them?**

**How might this passage challenge or encourage your specific group?**

### 3. PLAN THE EXPERIENCE

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Think through the full flow of your time together. Every decision here should reflect what you know about your group from Section 1.

#### Opening Prayer

- Pray yourself
- Ask for a volunteer
- Take prayer requests first, then pray
- Use a structured format (one-sentence prayers, popcorn prayer, etc.)
- Other:

**Who will pray / any specific details:**

#### Icebreaker (optional)

- Get-to-know-you question
- Fun / silly question
- In-theme question connected to the passage
- Short game (in theme or not)
- Skip — jump straight into the study
- Other:

#### Review / Context Setting

How will you set up the passage? What does your group need to know before reading?

#### Reading the Passage

- Read the full passage, then discuss
- Pause and discuss after each section
- Ask a volunteer to read
- Read it yourself
- Take turns reading verse by verse
- Other:

#### Discussion Format

- Open group discussion
- Partner discussion, then share with the group
- Write answers first, then share
- Mix of methods/Other:

## Discussion Questions

You are likely using an already-written study. Use this section to customize it for your specific group.

**Which questions do you want to make sure are not missed?**

**Are there any questions you need to reword so your group will understand them better?**

**Are there any questions you want to take further? What follow-up question could you add?**

## Closing Plan

- Summarize key takeaways
- Ask a final application or reflection question
- Transition into prayer
- Other:

## Closing Prayer

- Pray yourself
- Ask for a volunteer
- Pray for specific group needs
- Invite participation
- Other:

#### 4. AFTER YOU LEAD

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Strong leaders reflect, adjust, and continue caring for their group after the session ends. Complete this section after your Bible study.

**What went well?**

**What challenges came up?**

**What would you adjust next time?**

#### **Follow-Up**

How will you follow up with your group this week?

Is there anyone who may need extra connection or encouragement?

How will you pray for your group this week?

**One step I will take to prepare more intentionally next time:**

#### **REFLECT & CONNECT**

*Planning a Bible study isn't about getting everything perfect — it's about preparing intentionally for the people God has placed in front of you. Come back to this worksheet every time. Each session is a new opportunity to grow as a leader and serve your group well.*