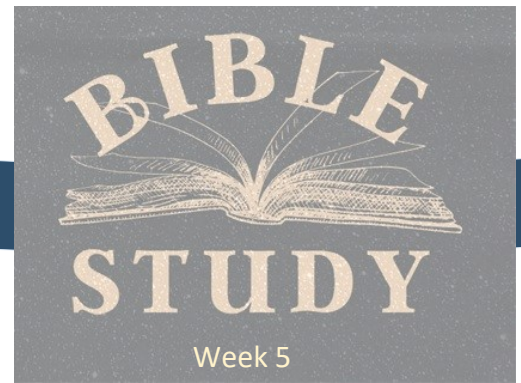




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Week 5: How to Lead a Bible Study part two



Review: Bible studies will extend our local church into our communities where we will find people at different places 1 Cor. 3:2. From last week:

1. **Pay Attention:** Taking Heed unto ourselves, According to the WOG, as MBT and LWC Bible study leaders—as a representative. To the end that we are equipped and ready to lead others into the place we are through DBM. We should all be able to say, “Come follow me as I follow Christ.”
2. **Prepare your heart:** Love: 1 Cor. 13. Without charity we will accomplish nothing despite what other preparation we achieve. Exodus 31:6. Bezaleel: “Shadow of God”. Aholiab: “House of his Father”. Both of these names suggest an abiding relationship with God. Pro 23:19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way. Guide your Heart. Set your affections above. (Col 3:2)
3. **Practice what you know:** Continue in God’s Ways: As much as you can, do not get ready, stay ready. (1 Ti 4:16) Establishing our ways in order to keep God’s statutes (Ps 119:5). Your quiet time is not a religious duty, it is a lifeline. Finding our satisfaction from the Lord is not a bad thing. It is a blessing! Emotionally needy leaders make bad and vulnerable leaders.

Week 5: How to Lead a Bible Study Part Two:

- Key #1: Study the Passage: You have to know the clear meaning of the passage reasonably well. Outline the passage. That is the thing people need to know and understand and apply. Have some cross references or an illustration from scripture ready if needed to answer questions about the passage. (1 Ti 4:16)
- Key#2: Shhhhhh.....: You are not just talking—not just telling what you know (that is, teach based on where you are at). You are listening to understand where they are at. The participants seeing it, not you saying it that is the goal. We will help them see it as much by listening as by talking. (Mark 8 examples).
- Key #3: Show: Bible Study methods get learned as they are practiced, as you answer questions about the passage.
- Key #4: Serve (Like a Waiter): You’re leading others into a setting, then facilitating discovery based on where they are at. Remember, it is the Holy Ghost who is the teacher (1 Co 2:13), and the WOG which does a work in us—it divides us as we divide it (Heb. 4:12). More like a waiter at the table of Prov 9:2 than a lecturer. Once the table is set and the food is ready you do not have to spoon feed people, but you do need to own the environment, facilitate discovery, and help people respond to the Lord. (Prov. 9:2)



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Preparation:

- Get Physical Space Ready:
 - * Safe: Consider things like trip hazards, toddlers, pets, allergies?
 - * Clean: Declutter, dust, wipe down surfaces, floors. Getting help with this is reasonable.
 - * Ready: Can people sit with open Bibles, cup of coffee, and notebook? Snacks?
- Establish the time and place. (Ps 119:5)
- Invite people to join you. (Luke 14-16-23, Rev 22:17)
 - * Class invitation/evangelism?, Invitation cards?, what will work?—What won't? How many people do you want to start with?

Basic format of the Bible study:

- Ice Breaker: Consider an activity to get people relaxed and connected. (5 minutes)
- Prayer: Agree with God in 2 things: We will _____ what we hear from Him through His word (Ja 1:22) and we will _____ someone about it (1 Co 2:13). (3 minutes)
- Share: Somebody/Everybody reports how they applied what they learned last time. (5 minutes)
- Study:
 - * Group reads the passage. (what does it say?) (5 minutes)
 - * Leader explains the passage. (what does it mean?) (5 minutes)
 - * Team members restate in their own words, or illustration what it means. (5 minutes)
 - * Guide people into a personal active consideration of the passage as needed through open-ended questions. (30 minutes)
 - * Sample Questions: *Are there any things that "jump out" to you from this passage? We saw what the passage says, and what it means, but what does it mean practically for us? Do you see the things God says in this passage evident in our lives today? How? How can we apply what God says in this passage to our lives? What is God showing you from this passage? Why do you think God put this in the Bible for us? What are we supposed to learn/understand/believe/obey?*
- What is there to obey (to trust God for)? What is there to tell? How will I obey? Who will I tell?
- Close with prayer as a group and with personal touches (figuratively). Invite people back for the next study. (5 minutes).