

# When You Are the Question Asker

Each time a Q Place group meets, a different person may ask the discussion questions. Whether the group has agreed to use the questions from a Bible Conversations Card or to go through a Q Place discussion guide or another inductive resource, sharing the question-asking encourages group ownership and dynamic discussions. The first time anyone in your group has taken the step to be the Question-Asker for a discussion, the following guidelines will help to prepare for this role.

1. Prepare by reading the passage several times, using different translations if possible. Consider asking for God's help in understanding it. While thinking through the questions, observe which questions can be answered quickly and which may require more time.
2. Begin on time.
3. If your group has decided to start each discussion with a short prayer, then lead the group or ask someone ahead of time to pray. Don't take anyone by surprise.
4. If you are using a Q Place discussion guide, begin the study by reading the background notes at the beginning of the chapter.
5. Ask for a different volunteer to read each Bible section. Read the question. Wait for responses. Rephrase the question if necessary to spark discussions. Resist the temptation to answer the question yourself. Move to the next question. Skip questions already answered in the group's discussion.
6. Encourage everyone to participate. If one or two people are talking more than the rest, ask the group, "What do the rest of you think?" or "What else could be added?"
7. Receive all answers warmly. If needed, ask, "In which verse did you find that?" or "How does that fit with verse . . . ?"
8. If a tangent arises, ask, "Do we find the answer to that here?" Put interesting tangents on hold until after the day's discussion. Suggest writing down important questions that aren't addressed in the current discussion so the group can watch for more information as the study continues.
9. With a Q Place discussion guide, use the summary questions to bring the study to a conclusion, allowing time for the group to share how they can pray for each other.
10. Decide on one person to be the host and another person to ask the questions at the next discussion.