

GROUP GUIDELINES

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1. The purpose of this group is to discuss questions about life, God, and the Bible.
2. The role of initiators is to facilitate a healthy small group process.
3. This group is not for experts. It's for new discoveries. If you think you are an expert, resist the urge to let the rest of us know. Listen and ask questions so that everyone can discover answers for themselves.
4. The format is informal discussion, not lecture.
5. If at all possible, read and think through the content and questions ahead of time. Share your ideas honestly and openly.
6. In each session a different person may ask the questions in order to encourage group ownership and dynamic discussions.
7. Maintain confidentiality, courtesy, and respect toward others, even if they don't agree with your position. Do not judge others and avoid side conversations.
8. Do not attempt to resolve all differences. Simply acknowledge the conflicting opinions and move on.
9. Begin and end on time.
10. Review the discussion guidelines whenever there's a new person in the group.

DISCUSSION TIPS

1. **Stick to the topic or passage under discussion** in order to build a common frame of reference. Refer to other material only if your group has studied it together or if it is mentioned in the discussion questions.
2. **Avoid tangents.** Many ideas will surface during the discussion. If the subject is not covered in the material, do not let it occupy too much time. Discuss side topics later.
3. **When discussing the Bible, let it speak for itself.** Avoid quoting other books, religious leaders, notes in the Bible, or online sources. Try to discover the facts, meaning, and application of the passage together while avoiding religious jargon.

Q PLACE CORE VALUES

MISSION

To mobilize Christians to facilitate group discussions with spiritual seekers so they can find God as revealed in the Bible.

VISION

Christians all over the world inviting people into small groups to question, discover, and grow in their relationship with God.

CORE VALUES

SELF-DISCOVERY

People grow and learn best when they discover truth for themselves through discussion and study.

SAFE PLACE

An ideal environment for spiritual growth is in a small group where personal dignity is valued and leadership is shared.

SPIRIT

God's Spirit will guide those who are spiritually open.

SCRIPTURE

The Bible and the life of Jesus are worth serious examination.