

From Grace to Grace Bible Studies

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Introduction

Things That the Teacher Should Know



MUST READ

The bible study is designed to encourage faith and to introduce people to the truths about Jesus Christ and his Kingdom, to encourage growth, encourage a closer walk with God and to lead people in a direction to escape past influences of religious beliefs that may not be scriptural.

This bible study will never attack any denomination or religious beliefs but will help the hearer modify his beliefs by adding on truths from the Apostolic Doctrines taught by the Apostles given to them by Christ. It is never to criticize any beliefs or be judgmental but to open biblical truths up for their understanding and separate them from misconceptions through unawareness of the principles of God. It will introduce a deeper revelation of the definition of grace in the plan for man to be saved by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Rules For Meeting:

There will be no discussion of denominations or religions.

- If the student brings up a denomination you must use discretion in your answer and never put down the denomination but try to build off of it.
- This will win their trust and respect.
- Don't ever tell anyone that they are a sinner; they already know it.
- There are some very good qualities in different denominations but some also might be imprudent.

Preparing to Get Started

- Make copies for everyone that will attend the bible study with some extra sheets in case a visitor shows up.
 - Give each person a copy and the teacher will start with prayer and the bible study by reading the first paragraph.
 - Then let the people to the left read the next and continue around the table until the study is complete.
 - It is very important one person reads that one paragraph at a time.
 - This keeps everyone on the tract and prevents someone from manipulating the study including the teacher.
 - This bible study is designed on the above foundation.
- If you see someone that is puzzled stop and ask for questions.
- Create an atmosphere of fun and friendship.

- Tell a clean joke every once in a while if there seems to be a little pressure.
- You must keep control of the direction in which the lesson is moving but it is ok to be detoured once in a while. Follow and trust the leadership of the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit may move you to stop the study and finish next week.
- Keep in mind you are there to make friends and bring them into the church family.
- But bring it all back on tract eventually without being rude or tactless.

How To Start:

- Tell everyone right up front there are no dumb questions.
- If they ask a personal question concerning you be very careful and tactful with your answer.
 - Give them scenarios if it is concerning the student's needs. {A scenario is a given situations or circumstance similar to their need and the result of the similar scenario.
- Take one step at a time and if they ask a question before the subject is taught concerning doctrine use wisdom and discernment whether to ask the answer at this time and if the answer is lengthily or difficult, tell them you would like to study the question more and answer them next week.
- {Write the question down on a note pad and research the bible studies to find a lesson on the question. }
- Don't ever use the words "I disagree with that" your opinion isn't important but say. "What does the bible say?"
- Always answer the students question with the bible.
 - If the question is beyond your knowledge don't even try to answer, just say. "I need to study the bible on that one and get back to you next week"
 - If you are unsure of the answer contact the pastor and ask him before you lose credibility.
 - Don't try to answer all their questions at one sitting you may choke them.

Let The Student Talk,

That you may be able to understand their background, needs and problems.

- In many bible studies we talked about 40 min. and taught 20 min.
- Time will fly as you teach your bible study. Once in a while it lasted 90 minutes because the students were so interested and kept asking questions. That is good but we would always be gone in two hours.

- This will let the person know that we were interested in their need and when it came time to teach the last 20 min. their minds were clear and at peace, which made it easier for them to receive the lesson.
- This also creates a lasting friendship and trust.
- If they are hurting over something, ask them if you can pray for them or about it the situation with them. {Enlist them as a team in prayer}
- Weep when they weep and rejoice when they rejoice. The Spirit of God makes us Comforters for the weary.
- Let the Student talk it out, and be very careful not to disagree or embarrass them whether they are wrong or not; because as time goes on they will be led to the truth.
- A wise man said. “If you disrespect a man once, he will forgive you, if twice he will have nothing to do with you”
 - The fastest way to lose a bible study is to be overbearing or domineering.

Hospitality:

- If you visit their house which is preferred try your very best to teach at the kitchen table. {The kitchen will bring everyone close and eliminate most distractions}
- They will probably offer you something to drink or eat, if they do be very considerate and clean up after self when possible. {This is important}
- Sometimes it is good to bring a desert with you to their house and leave it if not fully ate.
- Take your shoes off if you see their shoes sitting by the door.
- Be very courteous and thoughtful as manners are vital to your continuance.
- Treat other people’s property better than your own. {This creates trust}
- Pray for them, their need and their home before you leave, leaving a blessing from God upon their home.
- Always remember you are there to bless them, strengthen them and lead them into a richer relationship with God.

These bible studies are very simple and have worked greatly for those that follow the instructions. “From Grace to Grace” bible studies are based on the natural birth: It takes nine months for a natural birth and we believe it takes nine months to conceive and have a spiritual birth. Even though there are 26 lessons it often takes nine months to get through them.

We do not teach new convert classes to those that are involved in these bible studies and our retention in the church from our students is mind-boggling. In a forty-five day period we baptized 14 adults from the bible studies.

There are four factors that are necessary for church growth: The Holy Ghost Factor, the Friendship Factor, The Leaven of the Word Factor and the Name of Jesus Factor. The only Factor that might be a problem in the church is the Friendship Factor. It is people that must plant the Leaven of the Word Factor in order for the leaven to spread and take over the source it is planted in.

God loves the wicked, the addict, the corrupt, sexually perverted and the good so much that he wrapped himself in flesh as the Son and died for our sins. We must ask God to help us love, as he loved. When I consider the pain that David suffered when Absalom died I realize the love of God, for even while I was his enemy, he loved me. The soul winners' love must extend beyond family onto the highways and byways. If you have this burden of love, prepare to be a soul winner.