

How to take small Group Bible study.



Am I fit to lead a small Group Bible Study?

- Q.1. Who can lead a group?
- Q.2. My Bible knowledge is sketchy. Can I still do it?
- Q.3. I'm still nervous. Is there training?
- Q.4. What books do I need to study or prepare from?



Some important points for taking GBS

- 1) **Know Your bible study Group:** Come early, know every member of your small group. Show genuine interest and care for them....
- 2) **Be Creative and Imaginative:**
- 3) **Begin with prayer** and maybe even share some prayer requests. If BBS, ask someone to share his/her experience.
- 4) Make people as comfortable as possible around a **table** or **in a circle**. Don't seat people so close so as to be awkward.
- 5) Make sure **everyone has a Bible** and then read the passage.



- 6) **Choose content that will meet the needs of the group** and can be covered in a short time. Viz. Parables, teaching, Evangelistic, etc.
- 7) **Read the Passage:** Read loudly. Rotate the reading. Different versions provide different perspectives. At the end, you may ask someone to summarize the passage in their own words.
- 8) **Retain Focus on the Scripture:** Make sure you keep the focus on the Scripture. Avoid long quotes and external references. Work through the actual text of the passage rather than on secondary resources.
- 9) **Make it Interactive** by posing many of your points as questions.
- 10) **Review the Passage** with summary points.
- 11) **Begin and end on time.**
- 12) **Begin to ask some of the questions you have prepared,** remembering the inductive method and the three basic questions that are asked.

- 13) Accept ideas and comments that will encourage free sharing.
- 14) Intermittently summarize during the discussion.
- 15) Limit the use of Bible cross references.
- 16) Try not to let talkative people dominate.
- 17) Always be sensitive to the group and the Holy Spirit. Be gentle with indifferent answers
- 18) Remember the importance of good eye contact, a sense of humor and an atmosphere of freedom and acceptance.
- 19) In the prayer time, don't force to pray around the circle, but encourage freedom.
- 20) Refreshment and fellowship times should be simple and uncomplicated.



Seven-Principles for Group Bible study

- 1) **Clarity:** स्पष्टता: Make it as easily understood. Use all communication resources.
- 2) **Consistency:** संगतता: Keep your comments consistent with the theme you are expounding.
- 3) **Coherence:** बांदके रखना : Coherence means hold together. Our speech should have unity and linking with the theme.
- 4) **Continuity:** निरंतरता:
 - Clear progression of thought.
 - Discussion should be continually moving audience towards the proposed objective.



- The discussion should be freely from one point to the next, with unity and clear development and progression towards your ultimate goal.

5) **Concise:** संक्षिप्त: Make it brief. Your audience would be wishing that you should continue, than to have them wishing you had finished twenty minutes previously.

6) **Comprehensive:** व्यापक To cover the subject as fully as possible, instead of abruptly stopping without verdict.

7) **Conclusive:** निर्णायक: What is the conclusion of all you have said? What is the end result?



Avoid the following

- 1) Preaching.
- 2) Lecturing. I am not in class, and the purpose of my group is not for us to fill our heads with knowledge, and go home happy with our new cross-references.
- 3) Meandering: Don't change paths.
- 4) Rushing. I have an hour and a half. So we'll never be able to cover three hours' worth of questions!
- 5) Innovating. Many help-books are available with some good new ideas to grow in faith and godliness. Don't quote more often other books than the Scripture.





10-Point formula to remember during GBS

ICE-BREAKER

- I – Introduction of all.
- C – Cozy or cool environment.
- E – **Enthusiastic (whatever the size).**
- B – Bible for everyone.
- R – Reading the passage on rotation.
- E – **Encourage everyone to participate in the discussion.**
- A – Avoid Lecture, Preaching.
- K – Keep discussion towards the goal or objective.
- E – **Experience of your life to share.**
- R – Recall them every week.



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Four-Baskets of Fruit bearing

No fruit



Some fruit



More fruit



Much Fruit

- Apostle Paul said: “I can all things through Christ (Phil.4:13).”
- “The world is yet to see what God can do in and through a man who is completely yielded to Him” Moody said: “I want to be that person.”
- The world is yet to see a man like William Carey.
- History is His story.

Two types of branches

Without fruit



With fruit



- 1) Thrown away:
- 2) Withers:
- 3) Picked up:
- 4) Thrown into fire and burned up:

4-ways of Abiding in Him

- 1) (15:7): **By My words** “Ask whatever you wish, it will be done.
 - 2) (15:9): **By His love.**
 - 3) (15:10): **By His commandments** we can remain in Him. (15:11).
 - 4) (15:11): **By His joy**, we can remain in His joy.
- Ezra expounded the word of God. He said: “The joy of the Lord is your strength” (Neh.8:10) “क्योंकि आज का दिन हमारे प्रभु के लिये पवित्र है; और उदास मत रहो, क्योंकि यहोवा का आनन्द तुम्हारा दृढ़ गढ़ है।”

4-Benefits / promises

- 1) (15:8): Discipleship
- 2) (14-15): Friendship
- 3) (15:16): Chosen and sanctified before our birth.
- 4) (15:7,16): Ask whatever in God's name. You do great things. Eg. William Carey, Alexander Duff.

AIMS of UESI

- 1) Evangelism.
- 2) Fellowship.
- 3) Testimony.
- 4) Missions.

Some questions to evaluate your life?

- Q.1. What about your life? Where are you.
- Q.2. What kind of basket you are?
- Q.3. Are you still not bearing fruit? Look at the consequences.
- Q.4. If you are bearing fruit, where is your level?
- **Occasionally** (sometimes involving),
 - **More fruit** (giving time to God, but restraining in some areas),
 - **Much fruit** (fully involving in His ministry along with your job/studies/business).

