

5 Group Rules

1. Everyone shares in sentences, not paragraphs.
2. Focus only on what this passage is saying, not other passages.
3. Focus only on what this group is seeing.
4. Give people time to respond, silence is okay.
5. Facilitator should facilitate discussion, not teach.

5 Facilitator Rules

1. Keep the session on schedule and complete all four sections — though not necessarily all questions.
2. Prepare before by studying passage, looking for main idea, and think of some examples/stories/applications from your own life.
3. Respond to questions by asking group, "What in the passage helps us answer that question?"
4. Respond to distracting comments by asking, "Where is that found in this passage?"
5. Respond to "strange" answers by asking, "Help us understand what you are thinking."

1.

Connect & Review

(Spend first 5-10 minutes on some of these questions.)

What are you thankful for this week?

What difficulties have you faced this week?

How did you apply what we learned last week?

Did you share what you learned with anyone?

How did you experience God this past week?

How can we pray for each other?

2.

Read The Passage

(Have everyone use the same, clear translation.)

Have someone read the Bible passage out loud.

Ask if there are any words they do not understand.

Define confusing words.

Have one person read passage out loud while everyone else has their Bible closed.

Have a different person re-tell what happens in the passage.

3.

Discover God's Word

In this passage...

... what sticks out to you?

... what surprised you?

... what confused you? Why?

What does this passage tell us about...

... God?

... people?

... relationship between God and people?

4.

Obey God's Word

How does this passage change how you view...

... God?

... yourself?

... other people?

How should this passage change how you live?

What specifically will you do differently this coming week?

Who can you tell what you learned?