

GOD of the WORD Bible Study

Print Lesson at: GODoftheWORD.org

FORMAT USED BY YOUR GROUP OR CHURCH:

- TIME
- [] Arrival and Optional Fellowship Time

 - [] Discussion Period (*40 min. recommended*)

 - [] Prayer Requests given and prayed over (*roughly 15 min.*)

 - [] Break (*optional*)

 - [] Closing Summary/Lesson Passage Lecture (*roughly 35 min.*)

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! They can benefit from any of the weeks they attend (regardless of where we are in the study).

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MULTIPLE DISCUSSION GROUPS - Listen for leader to announce meeting locations before subdividing.

WANT TO REALLY GROW IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD?
Commit to yourself and the Lord to...

- 1. DO YOUR LESSON FAITHFULLY**
- 2. ATTEND WHEN IT IS INCONVENIENT**
(*A very real enemy would like to deter you!*)
- 3. DETERMINE IN ADVANCE TO PERSEVERE**
(*Our format is a little different but we think it works!*)

Leader Name and Contact Information:

STRUCTURE OF WEEKLY LESSONS

1. 15 QUESTIONS/WEEK

Each lesson (composed of the Study and Discussion Questions) has 5 divisions with 2-4 questions in each division. Many people choose to complete just one division a day over the course of a week.

2. ALWAYS PRAY WHEN YOU SIT DOWN TO TO READ AND STUDY YOUR BIBLE

Ask the Lord to reveal and forgive any sin in your life, to fill you anew, and to be your teacher. Recognize this is God's word to YOU, and it is LIVING!

3. WAIT UNTIL AFTER WE'VE MET TO CONSULT COMMENTARIES

A particular challenge of the GOD of the WORD study is to learn the joy of self-discovery guided by the Holy Spirit. It is always tempting (and easier) to look at what someone else has discovered rather than to think, study, and pray on your own. While commentaries and study Bible notes are great enhancements to personal study, we ask that you wait until after your group meets to consult them. This may be a new approach to Bible study for some, but it is our conviction that you will ultimately find this practice to be more rewarding.

4. READ THE QUESTIONS CAREFULLY

If you have trouble understanding one, look for a key word or phrase in the question that identifies exactly what is being asked and circle it.

5. SAVE ALL OF YOUR LESSONS

The final lesson in each study asks you to go back through the previous lessons and find items that were especially meaningful. Highlighting may help you remember the questions you most want to share about in your weekly discussion, as well as in the final, "review" lesson.

6. HOLD QUESTIONS THAT DON'T RELATE TO THE SPECIFIC LESSON BEING DISCUSSED

Ideally, you will participate in a group discussion that discusses all fifteen questions. Please enjoy hearty discussion without becoming frustrated if a thought and question that came to your mind in your personal study isn't explored. It will likely take all of the allotted time just to discuss the fifteen questions in the lesson. Therefore, we will need to limit ourselves to discussing the questions in our lesson (rather than the countless other good questions that could be asked). Your leader will keep track of time and help the group move through the lesson, so that all of the questions will be discussed to some extent each week. After the discussion period, your leader will provide a lecture that both summarizes and expands on the passage in your lesson, which may very well contain the information you were seeking.

7. ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION

Talkative folks, please encourage quieter ones that their sharing is equally valuable by allowing them time to talk. Please don't let your feelings be hurt if your discussion leader must cut you off in order to give an opportunity to talk to those who are slower to share their answers. Be conscious that we are all at different levels of Bible knowledge.

8. PRAYER IS VOLUNTARY AND REQUESTS ARE TO BE PERSONAL AND KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

Your leader may devote a portion of your weekly meeting to prayer. Most of us have real burdens for others. However, those in your discussion group want to get to know YOU better during the study. For this reason, the prayer requests that will be prayed over during the meeting are the ones that you offer for yourself. This is in no way intended to imply that prayer requests for others are less important or unworthy of group prayer.

9. PLEASE COME WITH YOUR LESSON COMPLETE

If you haven't had time to complete it, come anyway! Please give those who have done their lessons the courtesy of allowing them to do most of the talking.