

How to lead a Bible Study with the
book ...

What is Christianity?

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Joshua 1:8 *Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.*

Proverbs 15:22 *Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.*



Modes:

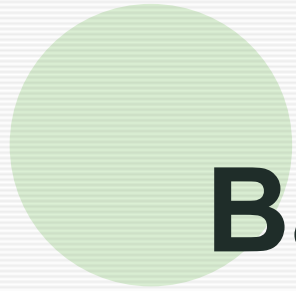
1. **Personal Bible Study**
2. **Marriage Bible Study**
3. **Family Bible Study**

Deuteronomy 6:6 *These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*



Modes (continued):

4. **Small-Group Bible Study**
5. **Sermon**



Basic format:

1. Read ahead
2. Quiz time
3. Discussion



Bible study dynamics Challenges

Proverbs 20:5 *The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters,
but a man of understanding draws them out.*



Talk too much

1. Dominator
2. Questionator
3. Self-absorbonator



Too little talk


1. Intimidated by knowledgeable members
2. Fear of looking foolish
3. Shy



Leading a group - best practices

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1. One minute response time
2. Leader calls on each member (mix order)
3. Allow members to "pass"
4. As the leader, try not to respond to each members contribution. Don't be the answer man or woman.



Leading a group - best practices

5. **Establish a time of brainstorming with no evaluation by leader or members.**

Note: If the leader or members are allowed to correct other members, soon the more intimidated members will stop contributing. If members are allowed to speak freely, over time, the group often comes to the right conclusion.



- 6. Deal with the dominator, the questionator, and the self-absorbanator privately.**
- 7. As the leader, try to verbally encourage participation as much as great answers.**
- 8. Don't waste time evaluating, criticizing, and rewriting questions that are less than perfect.**



Last words of advice:

- **The goal of leading a Bible study is group participation, not teaching.**
- **Try to create a culture of ...**
 - ✓ acceptance,
 - ✓ wonder,
 - ✓ and fun.

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