

How to Lead a Bible Study – Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. Background of ministry and life.
- B. We are looking for quality in home Bible studies.
- C. God does not need people who are skilled, but people who are available.

II. Basic beliefs that underlie Bible study.

- A. The authority of the Bible.
- B. The necessity of the new birth.
 - 1. Man is a tri-part being: body, soul, spirit. (1 Thessalonians 5:23)
 - 2. The spirit of man went dark after the fall.
 - 3. Conversion is the re-entry of the Spirit of God into the spirit of man. Life comes back in.
 - 4. God desires our fellowship. (1 Corinthians 1:9; Galatians 6:6)
 - 5. Conversion is only the beginning of the Christian life.
 - 6. We build on the foundation of Jesus Christ by becoming more like him. (1 Corinthians 3:11; Romans 8:29; Ephesians 4:13)
 - a. By God's Word. (1 Peter 2:2-3)
 - b. By the Spirit of God. (2 Corinthians 3:18)
 - c. By prayer. (Luke 18:1; Mark 3:13)
 - d. Through other people. (Proverbs 27:17; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)
 - e. Through the circumstances of life. (John 15:33; 2 Timothy 3:12)
 - f. By testing. (1 Corinthians 10:13; Romans 8:28; John 12:32; Romans 8:32; Revelation 5:9-10; Ecclesiastes 7:29)

C. The infinite worth of every individual. God gives everybody something to do in the body of Christ. (Hebrews 2:4; 1 Corinthians 12:11, 18)

D. Where Bible study fits in.

1. Obedience. (2 Timothy 2:15)
2. Evangelism.
3. Building the saved. (Romans 8:29; Ephesians 4:13)

Application questions

1. Why is it important to have some agreed upon basics before you begin a Bible study?

2. Should everyone in your Bible study hold to those basics?

3. Is there anything you would add or nuance to those basics? Explain.
