



Small Group Questions for Discussion:

How to Study the Bible

Facilitator Note:

Prepare participants to view the Call to Arms video. Use a comfortable space where you can speak together without interruption if possible. Depending on how much the group engages, this could take up to an hour.

Please feel free to add or adapt questions for your group. If possible, share the following link with your group ahead of time to give the members of your group an idea for how they interpret and apply scripture:

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/le/2008/february-online-only/hermeneuticsquiz.html>

OR

Print off the pdf copy in the resources attached and take the quiz together.

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Begin with prayer, and then spend a few minutes sharing your own personal thoughts or experiences of studying the Bible, personally.

Talk about why each of you are there and what you hope to learn.

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Play Call to Arms video with Captain Annalise Francis.

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Respond to the Following Questions:

1. What is study?

2. The word “listen” or “hear” occurs more than 1500 times in Scripture. How does our relationship to the God who speaks to us in Scripture affect how we study?
3. Read John 8:31-32. What does it mean to “know” and be “set free” by the truth?
4. How does studying God’s Word uniquely bring about transformation in our lives?
5. Look through the commandments in Leviticus 19 (see below): which of these commands do you currently observe? How do we know which of God’s commandments change? How do we choose? Who gets to decide?
6. How are we to live out the Bible today?
7. Ask the group if they have any questions that they would like the group to address or discuss regarding what was shared.

Leviticus 19:

1. Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy. (19:2)
2. You must observe my Sabbaths. I am the Lord your God. (19:3)
3. When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the Lord your God. (19:9-10)
4. Do not go about spreading slander among your people. (19:6)
5. Do not plant your fields with two kinds of seed. Do not wear clothing woven of two kinds of material. (19:19)
6. Do not eat any meat with the blood still in it. (19:26)
7. Do not cut the hair at the sides of your head or clip off the edges of your beard. (19:27)
8. Do not... put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the Lord. (19:28)
9. Stand up in the presence of the aged. (19:23)
10. Keep all my decrees and all my laws and follow them. I am the Lord. (19:37)

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End your time in prayer.

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Questions 2, 5, and 6 derived from:

McKnight, Scot. *the Blue Parakeet: Rethinking How You Read the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2008.