

## **4 Quick Tips for Leading a Bible Study**

### **1. Come Prepared: Prayer + Study**

- Pray for your group: comfort, openness, focus, growth in Christ
- Pray for yourself: wisdom, discernment, creativity, Spirit's guidance
- Study ahead: know the passage, anticipate confusing questions, plan what to prioritize if time is short

### **2. Encourage Openness**

- Stay positive and encouraging
- Use icebreakers to warm up the group
- Be transparent—share your own questions and learning

### **3. Give People Time to Process**

- Slow down when reading or asking questions
- Use the 7-second rule: count silently before repeating/rewording
- Don't fear silence—God is at work
- Let people write responses before sharing if needed
- Call on people kindly (but don't pressure)

### **4. Prompt More Responses**

- Ask "What else?" or "Who else?" to invite more sharing
  - Use only for open-ended questions

\*Remember: Preparation + patience = smoother discussions and deeper growth. God is with you as you lead!

# Training Lesson: Bible Study Leader Quick Tips

**Goal:** Equip ministry small group leaders with practical skills to facilitate meaningful, Spirit-led Bible studies.

**Time:** 60–75 minutes

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## 1. Welcome + Introduction (10 minutes)

- Facilitator shares: Leading a small group is both a joy and a responsibility.
- Icebreaker Activity: Ask each participant: “What’s one thing you’ve enjoyed (or think you’ll enjoy) about leading small groups?”

## 2. Quick Tip #1 – Come Prepared: Prayer + Study (15 minutes)

### Teaching Points:

- Prayer is essential—you can’t lead on your own strength.
- Preparation builds confidence and flexibility.

### Interactive Activity:

- In pairs, brainstorm specific prayers for future groups and discuss: How does preparation help handle unexpected situations?
- Practice: Share an example Bible study question (e.g., “What stands out to you in this passage?” or “How does this verse apply to your life?”) and discuss rewording it if participants are confused.

## 3. Quick Tip #2 – Encourage Openness (10 minutes)

### Teaching Points:

- Leaders create the group culture through tone and transparency.

**Interactive Activity:**

- Brainstorm icebreakers suitable for your group.
- Discuss ways to share your own questions or struggles to foster openness.
- Sample questions for practice:
  - “What was your first experience with Bible study?”
  - “Have you ever struggled to understand a passage? How did you handle it?”
  - “What does it mean to you to follow Jesus this week?”

**4. Quick Tip #3 – Give People Time to Process (15 minutes)****Teaching Points:**

- Slow down, use the 7-second rule, and remember silence ≠ failure.

**Interactive Activity:**

- Role play: Leader reads a verse and asks a question, waiting 7 seconds before responding.
- Sample questions:
  - “What does this passage teach about God’s character?”
  - “How would you apply this principle to your own life?”
  - “Why do you think the author included this story?”
- Debrief experience and discuss why giving space is important.

**5. Quick Tip #4 – Prompt More Responses (10 minutes)****Teaching Points:**

- Ask “What else?” or “Who else?” to encourage discussion.
- Use only for open-ended questions.

**Interactive Activity:**

- Practice asking a question and following up with “What else?” or “Who else?”
- Sample questions:
  - “What are some ways you’ve seen God at work in your life this week?”
  - “Who else can share an example of prayer answered?”
  - “What else can we learn from this passage?”
- Debrief on effectiveness.

## **6. Wrap-Up + Commitment (10 minutes)**

- Recap: Preparedness, openness, patience, and prompting responses create a safe environment for transformation.
- Reflection: Each leader writes one action step for their next group.
- Closing Prayer: Pray for wisdom, humility, and Spirit-led guidance.

### **Optional Add-ons:**

- Provide Quick Tips Handout as a takeaway.
- Offer a practice facilitation session where leaders lead a short passage with peers.