

HOOK: This is how you begin your Bible study.

1. "Hook" attention!
2. Answer the question, "Why should we even discuss this topic?"
3. Create a need
4. Lead naturally into the main body of your discussion

There are several types of "hooks"

1. A short motivation talk, which ends unresolved on some question, leading into a discussion of a passage.
2. A question, to stimulate thought and discussion.
For example: "A Christian can be sinning and be Spirit-filled. Do you agree or disagree?" "It is possible to be carnal and spiritual 'several times in one day, Do you agree or disagree?"
"One of the qualifications to be filled with the Spirit is to be sorry for your sin. Do you agree or disagree?"
"God will always bless the Spirit-filled Christian. Do you agree or disagree?"
"If a Christian is to walk in the Spirit, he is responsible to change his attitude towards sin, but is not responsible to change his actions. Do you agree or disagree?"
3. Buzz group - which are formed by pairing up the discussion group members two by two for a brief discussion. It could be something like, "in 30 second come up with a list of what most people think makes them happy," or, "Take five minutes and make as many observations as you can about this passage." (Everyone is instantly involved.)

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR A LEADER MAY INCLUDE:

1. Forming the Group:

- Recruit the members and issue invitations.
 - Consult with pastoral leadership for suggestions. If your church has been involved in a special evangelistic event or ministry, a personal invitation should be given early to every inquirer who is referred to your local congregation. New members in your church should be included-your pastor might know of some with special needs.
 - Invite personal friends and acquaintances. You may have friends in business or in the neighborhood that would add a different perspective to the group involve them.
 - Find mature Christian friends who know and love the Word of God. They will greatly assist the group's understanding by contributing a biblical basis to the discussion.

2. Arranging practical details for the study. Following are a few suggestions:

- Most successful programs are centered in a home. A home provides a warm and friendly atmosphere.
- Use a room not too small or too large for you numbers. Proper lighting, ventilation, and temperature are important.
- Seating should be in a circular pattern, with the circle complete if possible.
- Decide ahead of time that will take care of disturbances such as doorbells, telephones and children.
- Serving refreshments is an option. If deemed appropriate, it should be after the study and clearly made optional for persons on a tight schedule.
- The Discovery Group format is designed for a 75-minute meeting. It is suggested that the study not run longer than this even though some individuals may want to spend additional time together.

3. Manage Time Allotments

- A good leader will attempt to give complete coverage to the material by setting the pace, moving the discussion along and avoiding sidetrack issues.

4. Leader's Preparation

- Do the study and complete the written answers.
- Make notes of additional questions that will be helpful to stimulate conversation.
- Pray regularly for each member of the group.