

OVERVIEW

At the heart of a thriving group are conversations (the spontaneous and the planned)! A leader's responsibility is to facilitate the discussion. We do not produce Discussion Guides during group breaks. If your group still meets you can (1) create your own discussion from the Game Plan below or (2) shift from discussing the messages to a different study. We recommend checking out RightNow Media for a fantastic selection of studies for your group to discuss!

GAME PLAN

Warm Up — Help your group members reconnect with an ice-breaker question. These are designed to get everyone talking and sharing. Use the examples below or click **HERE** for more.

- What was the best thing that happened to you this past week?
- If you could do this week over again, what would you do differently?

Set It Up — Remind the group what the message was about by highlighting the subject, main point, and the main passage.

Chat It Up — Use a series of questions to lead the conversation. Try to get everyone involved, follow up with questions in the moment. Think of questions using the suggestions below.

Launching questions - A question that relates to the theme of the discussion while being lite enough and general enough that everyone can answer it. This gets everyone talking early in the conversation. Examples below.

- As you reflect on Sunday's message, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?

Understanding questions - Draw attention to key points of the main Scripture. Help the group get into the text. Ask questions about the writer's point. Ask questions about how our present circumstances relate to the one in the text. Examples below.

- Reflecting on these verses, what strikes you most? Why?
- If these verses were applied to our culture today, how would it change?

Applying questions - Takes the truth and applies it to action. The point of the discussion is to move people from information to transformation—to identify concrete next steps. Tip: Did the communicator give a challenge or application? Examples below.

- When and where do you struggle the most with [whatever issue(s) this message raised]?
- If you were to incorporate this truth into your own life, how would the next week be different?
- Describe your life one year from now if you consistently applied this truth.

Wrap It Up — Close out the discussion and move to prayer.