



The Six Question Bible Study

Introduction

- The leader's role is not about how smart, logical, sophisticated, or knowledgeable we (think we) are, but to facilitate God speaking to the people
- Be OK with silence as people process, reflect and listen to God
- Benefits of this particular study approach:
 - It is a format that enables us to explore scripture and hear from God for ourselves
 - Simple and reproducible ... anyone can lead this
 - Short on "bible study" prep requirements and long on heart-through-prayer prep from a leader's perspective
 - Opens doors for the people when they are studying scripture on their own
 - Can be applied to any portion of scripture
 - Is an effective tool for new and not-yet believers
 - Is an effective tool for older believers in discovering again the simple yet profound Word of God and heart of the Father

Objectives

- To facilitate God speaking to people
- To live honestly, transparently, and authentically with God and with others in community
- To be in the Word, hearing God and responding to Him

Beginning Prayer: Father, in Jesus' Name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us, and transform us through this scripture now.

1. What do you **like** about this story / passage / verse?
 - Gets us interacting with the content
 - Allows us freedom to "like" stuff in scripture and express places/times of enjoyment in our journey with God
 - Helps people embrace/affirm those aspects of our walk with God they already know
 - As well, God often teaches through this question

2. What do you **not like** about this...?

- Allowing people freedom to “dislike”, feel uncomfortable, or just plain disagree with portions of scripture often starts us on a journey of confronting what is really going on inside us
- Be careful not to “correct”, belittle or judge people for their transparency ... God uses this transparency to explore deeper issues in people’s lives
- At times where correction is clearly required, ask God to show you scripture that brings that correction or needed balance, and then point people there.

3. What do you **not understand** about this...?

- Important: As facilitators of God speaking to people, our job is NOT to answer their questions! But to encourage them to seek out answers themselves. We are NOT to be the “Bible Answer” people!
- The awkwardness we may feel in not giving answers is OK.

4. What does this ... **tell us about God**?

- Again, at times where correction is clearly required, ask God to show you scripture that brings that correction or needed balance, and then point people there.

5. If this is who God is, **what do you have to do about it**?

- Don’t be surprised by silence as people are confronted with God’s personal call to them regarding this particular passage
- Avoid allowing people to use “We Christians should” language ... this is not about others generally, but what call God is making of us personally and specifically

6. What verse, phrase or word do you need to **take with you**?

- This is essentially scripture memorization ... you may be surprised how scripture will stick in people’s heads / heart when the journey with the truth of the verse, phrase or word is explored so personally.

Closing Prayer Time

- Can be in response to what God has been showing them
 - Worship / thanks for their new understanding of who God is
 - Confession, repentance, forgiveness where necessary
 - Courage to follow-through
 - Ministry of healing and deliverance
 - Navigating certain obstacles
 - Perhaps ministry into their spirit as they receive personal words (rhema – one of the Greek words for “word” in New Testament) from their Heavenly Father

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2. What do you not like about this...?
3. What do you not understand about this...?
4. What does this ... tell us about God?
5. If this is who God is, what do you have to do about it?
6. What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you?