

## **Choosing Curriculum for Your Group**

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There are several things to consider when choosing a study. This may be one of the most challenging things your group will do. You want group participation in decision-making, but ultimately, it is the leader's final decision.

### **Considering God**

Pray about the study, by yourself and as a group. Ask your apprentice to pray and then set aside time to evaluate different options as a leadership team.

### **Considering the Group**

- Where people in your group are in life: what issues are they struggling with?
- Background and knowledge of people in the group
- Spiritual maturity: Are they mature Christ followers, new believers, or seekers?
- Age of group: How bonded is the group?
- Group members' interests in type and content of study
- What focus did your group choose in their covenant that could help you in choosing a study?
- As your group matures, lead them toward Bible study
- Commitment level of the group members

### **Considering the Leader**

- Based on the leader's experience, should the leader develop the study or use a prepared study guide
- Own strengths, life experiences, interests
- Personality and gifts

### **Considering Logistical Constraints**

- Shorter studies with less homework work better as the group is forming and building relationships
- Number of weeks you want to spend on a study
- Time you want to spend each meeting in study
- Amount of homework group members will do

### **Guidelines for Choosing a Good Study**

- Doctrinal purity
- Relational in nature
- Application oriented

## Different Study Options

### Bible

- Choose a book of the Bible
- Character study
- Topical studies

*As your group matures make sure that they are growing in their ability to discover Biblical truths for themselves. Encourage your group members to choose to study a book of the Bible or do a topical study based predominantly on Scripture, rather than a book.*

### Issue

- Relationships: Dating, friendships, family, work
- Spiritual disciplines: Prayer, fasting, giving, etc.
- Developing Godly character
- Spiritual Warfare, temptation
- Bonding/Boundaries
- Healing hurt of past experiences
- Finances
- Role of the church; our role in the church