

## Leading a Care Group Bible Study

### I. Preparing the Study

1. Identify the main truth of the passage, supporting truths, and applications
2. Prepare questions that will lead the group to unwrap these truths and applications
  - Observation questions – help the group see the basic content and structure
  - Interpretation questions – these get at the meaning of the passage
  - Correlation questions – show how the passage is related to the book and Bible
  - Summary questions – draw the passage together and lead to the central truth
  - Application questions – get at the concrete belief and/or behavior called for
  - Launching questions – get the discussion started in an engaging way

### II. Leading the Study

1. The Leaders Role
  - Control vs. freedom
  - The Authority of the Word

#### 2. Get it started

#### 3. Keep it going

- Ask more questions

Extending: What can you add to that? Could you explain that more fully?

Clarifying: What do you mean by that? Could you re-phrase?

Justifying: What support can you give? Can you explain it from the text?

Re-directing: What do others think? Mary, what do you think?

Reflecting: What I think you're saying is... Is that right?

- Welcome pauses
- Value every contribution, but not equally
- Handling wrong or inadequate answers
- Handling the right answer
- Keep it focused on the Bible
- Encourage others to ask questions

4. Wind it up

5. A few warnings

- Serving John Calvin Jr.
- Step away from the soapbox
- Don't avoid differences
- Be humble
- Don't answer your own questions

### **III. Resources**

*Growth Groups* by Colin Marshall. See especially chapters 4-7.

*Iron Sharpens Iron* by Orlando Saer, especially chapter 5, "Leading the Meeting."

# Bible Study Preparation Sheet

Text: \_\_\_\_\_

## Step 1: Understanding the Passage

Overview of the book

Overview of the passage

Question bombardment

Background

Flow of the passage

The passage in context

Central truth and supporting truths

## Step 2: Applying the Passage

The person

The group

The church

The world

### **Step 3: Working out the Goals**

Central truth

Supporting truths

Applications

### **Step 4: Packaging the Study**

Observation questions

Interpretation questions

Correlation questions

Summary questions

Application questions

Launching questions