

The Good Book

Leader Overview

Welcome

Many people struggle with the Bible. They know the Bible is valuable and they know it's important but often times they're not sure where to start. As a result, people might miss out on the life changing power of God's Word. The Good Book focuses on specific passages and key themes in the Bible about God while looking at real life stories of modern day Christians.

Series Overview

Week 1: In the Beginning – Out of nothing God spoke and created everything. He created man and woman in His Image and when sin came into the world God began a plan to restore creation back to relationship with Him. To begin this, He formed a nation whom He desired would follow Him with such faith that it would be a blessing to the entire world.

Week 2: God is Good When Life Gets Messy – God's people are in bondage in Egypt. In this seemingly hopeless situation God showed up and moved to set His people free.

Week 3: God is Big – An exploration of Job, the Psalms and Proverbs. In the midst of pain, struggles and sin we find a God who is patient and present with His children, even in the times of their deepest pain.

Week 4: Tough Love, Troubled Times – When times get tough, God comes near. The Bible is full of stories of men and women who followed God no matter how hard or how long it might be.

Week 5: Jesus Has Entered the Building – God's plan to bring the world back in right relationship with Himself is culminated in God entering our world and becoming Immanuel—God with us.

Week 6: Jesus Won't Leave Us as We Are – Jesus bore the sin of the world on the cross and made a way for us all to find salvation and hope.

Week 7: Following Jesus – After Jesus' resurrection the Church is born and expands rapidly through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Week 8: God's Message For You – The Holy Spirit is still working in our lives and God is calling us to show the same love to the world that He has so graciously shown us.

Discipleship Insights

- Watch [How to Read the Bible](#) as a group before you begin Week 1 of this study. This short video explains what the Bible is and how the Bible was composed over time. You may even opt to spend a whole Life Group session discussing this video! This is a great opportunity to learn about your group members and how they think about the Bible.
- Some of your group members may feel intimidated by the Bible, while others may see themselves as experts. No matter how comfortable someone may feel, it is important that everyone has an opportunity to share and process equally. You may need to ask specific questions to quieter members to draw them out. You might also privately ask your more knowledgeable group members to take a role of encouragement and support during this study, rather than teaching and instruction.
- Consider leading your Life Group through, [Lectio Divina](#). In Christianity, Lectio Divina (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word.