

## **In God's Word Together**

*We desire to be a people who delight daily in God's Word*

### **How do we do this?**

- 1. Together with another believer choose a book of the Bible to read.**
- 2. Individually, spend time each day reading and studying God's Word.**
- 3. Regularly share with one another observations, questions, and ways God is transforming your life through the reading and study of his Word**

### **How do I find another believer to read the Bible with?**

- Ask a friend
- Ask another woman or two in your City Group

### **How do I choose which book of the Bible to read?**

- God's Word is fantastic through and through, you can't go wrong with any book
- Pray and ask God for wisdom regarding which book he wants you to study
- Some people like to rotate through a Gospel, Old Testament Book, and New Testament Book
- Some people may enjoy reading through the book of the Bible that Citylight is currently preaching through
- Ask your City Group Leader for suggestions

### **How could I structure my time reading God's Word? Sometimes I have a lot of time, other days I just have a little.**

**Start your time by asking God to speak to you through his Word.**

**If you have 5 minutes:** Read the Bible

**If you have 20 minutes:** Read the Bible, Dig Deeper

**If you have 45 minutes or more:** Read the Bible & Dig Even Deeper

### **How much should I read?**

You could read a short section multiple times, or read a longer section through once.

### **Ask the following questions to dig deeper:**

1. What is this passage saying? Use any of the below tools to figure that out
  - Search for repeated words, phrases, or concepts
  - Search for definitions to unknown words
  - Ask questions & look for answers

- Use a resource found Blue Letter Bible App or Online (ex: Hebrew & Greek, Commentaries, Bible Dictionaries, Cross References)
  - Read the passage in a different version
  - Make an outline of passage you are reading
  - Read the Background of the book you are reading
  - Reach the book in its entirety
  - Helpful hint: print off a double spaced copy of the book you are studying from biblegateway.com or buy an ESV Scripture Journal of the book you are studying off of Amazon.
2. What is the author intending to communicate to his audience through this passage?
  3. How does this passage direct us to God and his work in redemption?
  4. What from this passage is God encouraging me to think or act on today?

**End your time by entrusting what you read and your day to God**

### **What suggestions do you have for the mechanics of sharing observations with one another?**

#### **Frequency of Meeting Options**

- Meet every week
- Meet every other week
- Meet once a month
- Touch base weekly at your City Group while you eat dinner
- Set aside 10-20 min at your City Group each week
- Text or email one another regularly with insights or questions
- Touch base weekly before or after the Sunday Gathering

#### **What do we do when we get together?**

*Everyone has a different amount of time, you may find that you have time to do just one of these, or all of these*

- Study a passage together
- Share observations with one another
- Share questions you had while reading
- Share ways God is transforming your life or speaking to you through the study of his Word
- Make sure everyone knows what passages you are studying the next week
- Pray

### **Example**

Three women decided to be in God's Word together. They selected the book of 1 John to study.

They started their study by watching the Bible Project Video on 1 John to get some background for the book that they were going to study. Based on their availability and life stage, they decided that each day they were going to individually spend at least 5 minutes reading some of 1 John. Each week they were also going to pick three days to spend 20 minutes digging deeper into 3 passages in 1 John. The first week the three passages they did were 1:1-4, 1:5-2:2, and 2:3-2:6.

They tried to meet up twice a month to study a passage together and share how God was speaking to them through 1 John. On the weeks when they didn't meet they texted one another prayer requests and insights or questions from what they were reading.

Over the course of 10 weeks these women were in God's Word together. They studied the entire book of 1 John. As they finished 1 John they prayed and asked God what book he wanted them to study next and they chose Genesis.