

GROUPS STUDY GUIDE

Why Would I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

Reading, thinking, and praying about the primary passage your Lighthouse Group is studying ahead of time may be one of the most pivotal ways to make your Lighthouse Group discussions powerful and meaningful. When you do prepare beforehand, you're coming with thoughtful insights and ideas you've been wrestling through. That's different from grabbing at the most accessible thoughts in real time.

How Do I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

1 | PRAY

Ask God to open your eyes, mind, and spirit to His truth. Your desire is not to "get the right answer," but rather to know Him as He has revealed Himself so that you can trust and rely on Him more fully.

2 | READ

Read the main passage. Consider reading the same passage in multiple versions, like ESV, NIV, AMP, and NLT. All of these can be found at BibleGateway.com. For better context, read the paragraphs before and after the study passage as well.

3 | REFLECT

What does this passage teach you about God? Maybe something to praise Him for? Does this passage reveal an area of your life you should confess as sin to God? What does this passage lead you to ask God for? How does this passage point to Jesus' work on the cross and out of the grave? Think through some of the questions you'll be discussing during your Lighthouse Group time.

4 | WRITE

This is when you cross over from reading into study – writing down truth that you are discovering. Write down questions that come to mind as you are reading. We've included space on the next page of this guide for you to write down insights, questions, and more that you can bring up in your Lighthouse Group discussion time.

PREP BEFORE GROUP

PRIMARY PASSAGE: PSALM 119:9-16 WRITE YOUR INSIGHTS & QUESTIONS

ADDITIONAL CROSS-REFERENCES: Psalm 119:1-176; John 1:1-14;
James 1:22-25.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of: January 19-25, 2026

1 | PRAY: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your group in truth and spiritual growth.

2 | WARM-UP QUESTION: Is there a universal standard of right and wrong, truth and error, etc.? Are these on a sliding scale, or are the definitions unchanging?

3 | READ Psalm 119:9-16

Once you've read the passage, close your Bibles and ask the group to summarize it. Invite everyone to join in by asking what the psalmist says about living righteously, seeking God, learning His word, etc.?

4 | OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

What does the psalmist say is the practical value of aligning one's life to the truth of the scriptures? Why does he compare this to riches, v.14?

Does the psalmist take a casual approach to this?

Does he see the work of studying the scriptures as a heavy burden?

5 | TRUTH QUESTIONS

Who ultimately teaches us scriptural truth (v. 12) and keeps us faithful to it (v. 10)?

In light of John 1:14, what does this passage teach us about Jesus Christ?

According to v. 13, how much of God's word is it important for us to be familiar with? Is any part of the Bible obsolete or irrelevant?



6 | APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Do these verses portray the study of God's word to be an occasional need? something we'll eventually mature out of? an ongoing life endeavor? or something else?

Is there a difference between knowing God's word, and living it? How does intellectual knowing move forward into practical doing?

What can I learn from the pattern of listening to (v. 9), seeking (v. 10), memorizing (v. 11), praising God for (v. 12), sharing with others (v. 13), rejoicing in (v. 14), meditating on (v. 15), and delighting in (v. 16) God's word?

7 | CLOSING PRAYER

Based on our discussion, how should we pray? Does anyone need prayer about sharing the gospel with a close friend or family member?

NEXT STEPS AFTER GROUP



1 | SCRIPTURE FOCUSED

- Verse to Memorize
- Other Passages to Read

2 | PRAYER FOCUSED

- How can you pray for people in your group this week?
- Is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about something you need to repent of and turn over to Jesus?
- How are you going to respond to this truth and put it into action?

3 | OTHERS FOCUSED

- Did anyone in your group share a need that you might be gifted to help with?
- Consider inviting a friend from group to meet up for a meal or a hang-out time.
- Is the Holy Spirit bringing someone to mind with whom you can share the things you've learned today?

