



BIBLE STUDY DEPTH CHART

DISCUSSION GUIDE

VISION AND KEY CONTENT

Our goal is to offer our Bible study participants their first experience of mission by challenging them to invite their friends to our study (or fun night!).

- Group Reflection on the fruits Bible Study
- Group Prayer and Brainstorming new invites
- Charting these invites on a Depth Chart
- Ongoing accountability

"Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out."

Mark 6:7

MATERIALS

- Pens/pencils for your group
- Sticky notes or small pieces of paper for your participants
- One piece of paper for your final chart

REFLECTION ON BIBLE STUDY

Start off by asking your group some combination of the following:

1. What has been the most impactful part of joining Bible study?
2. How have you grown in friendship with others and with the Lord through study?
3. Is there a moment that you realized Bible study would be a priority to you?

Allow the group to discuss.

Please Read Aloud: Bible study is a place to encounter the Jesus in the Scriptures, build virtuous friendships, and become equipped to share the Gospel with others. These past weeks, we've all been touched by this experience. But what about others who don't have a group like this? Who is going to reach out to them? Jesus and His disciples were constantly bringing others into their fold. I'd like to challenge you all to do the same by inviting a few of your friends to our next bible study.

PRAYER AND BRAINSTORMING

Next, hand out paper/pens for your participants to record names on.

Please read aloud: Let's take a moment to pray about these people. Close your eyes if it helps. Ask the Lord, "Jesus, who are 2-3 people that you want me to pray for and invite into this Bible study?" We're going to take 1-3 minutes to pray - record any names that comes to mind.

Start with a brief opening prayer thanking God for bible study and His Word. Ask Him to give members courage and zeal to invite others. Give your participants time to pray and record names. It may be helpful for your participants to think in terms of their "circles" (i.e., classmates, fraternity brothers, high school friends, sports teams, clubs, friends from work or Church, etc.)

After a few minutes, ask your group:

1. Who did Jesus put on your heart?
2. Is there anyone on your list that you are afraid to invite to Bible study?

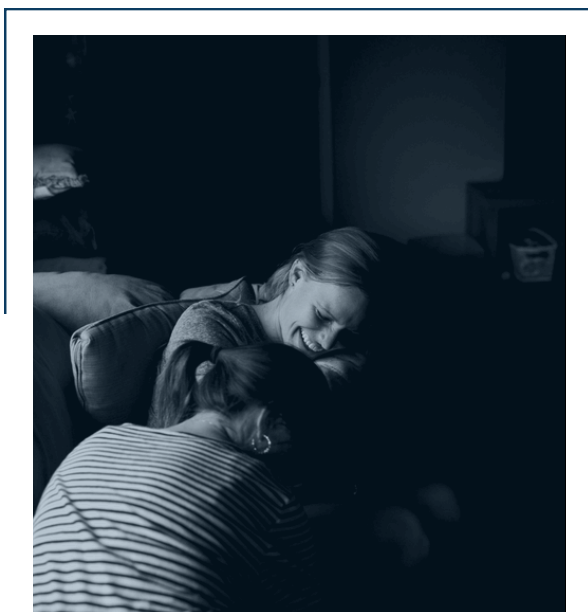
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Be encouraging! It's good to get uncomfortable for the sake of the Gospel. Applaud them for the courage of sharing. Consider sharing a personal testimony of a difficult invitation that bore fruit.

Now that your group has their names, it's time to make the Depth Chart. Go around and collect potential invites from all your participants (shoot for at least 2 from each), write these down in columns, below the name of the person making the invite, like in the example below:

Matteo	Timothy	Matthias	Kye
Brian	Zane	Daniel	Zamir
Lebron	Noah	Joseph	
Juan		Patrick	

Take another 1-3 minutes to pray as a group for all these names, that they might be open to an invitation. Afterwards, write down any more names that come to mind.



ACCOUNTABILITY

As an easy first invite, plan a "fun night" in the next two weeks (See Resource: "Fun Night"). Challenge each Bible study member to start with invitations to this gathering.

Moving forward, use the Depth Chart to hold your participants accountable. Pull it out at the end of Bible study every week to pray for the names, perhaps asking "are there any other invites we would like to make this next week?" This will build a culture of invitation in your group that will lead to many more souls experiencing the Word of God through your efforts.