



# How to Guide

# TEAM BIBLE STUDY

## Equipping Program Strategy

### Purpose

#### ***The Role of Bible Study in this Series***

Our equipping objective is "life-change!" We believe that Scripture is an essential key to this objective. So we hope to involve students in searching the Scripture to apply what they learn there to their everyday lives. Using small group activities, drama, and Bible quizzing, we hope to INVOLVE students in Scripture.

The Scriptural theme is related to the book of the Bible which will be studied in the small group Bible studies. Whether you choose to use these studies during a regularly scheduled program at your church or in informal small groups, they form the foundation for everything else the students do throughout this series! The teaching which is done in other settings will simply follow-up and expand upon the teaching which is done in these studies. So it is important for your Team (small group) Leaders to understand their vital role in developing the basis for everything that is done during the series through these small group studies!

### Place and Times

Midweek evenings in homes, or regular program times at church, your choice.

### Personnel

Team Leaders (adults or college students)

### Procedure/Agenda

We suggest a minimum of a one-hour time frame for these Bible studies. If you have more time, that's great! The following is a suggested agenda:



#### ***Pre-Study Welcome activities.....Teaching Leader***

During this time, as students are arriving, it is important for the leadership team to reach out to students in order to create an atmosphere of warmth and love. As Scripture reminds us, "*love will cover a multitude of sins*" (1 Peter 4:8). We may do many other things poorly, but if we love God and love students, we may be forgiven for other failures! Adult and student leaders may rotate responsibility to be the "greeters" who stand outside and inside the door to greet students as they arrive. Students love to congregate with each other, so use this time creatively to let Team Leaders and students conduct crazy announcements in the hallways or outside concerning upcoming student activities.

For example, one year, we had two "cave-people" do the announcements. Mr. Caveman was always after Miss Cave woman, trying to persuade her to attend youth activities. It was fun to see them chase one another wearing their cave clothes, etc. They got our attention, and were able to explain upcoming activities with lots of enthusiasm!



#### ***Team Time (30 minutes).....Team Leaders***

Sometimes, the first thirty minutes of the hour will be spent in small group time! This is especially good if students have just come from some school or other event where they had to be seated and quiet for any length of time. Small group time at the beginning provides a good lead-in to the study. Take attendance as students arrive. Allow students to help accomplish this task! Use the first few moments of small group time to catch up on news and especially to relate with the students' prayer requests from previous weeks. PRAYER should be the *most distinct impression* which students receive from their Team Leader during this time!



**Large Group (20 minutes).....Dept. Leader**

If the material calls for large group study time, keep in mind that you should be looking for ways to keep students involved, even though it is a large group setting. This time should be used to ACTIVATE students to become involved in the study! We focus on the lives of real people of Scripture purposefully during the study in order to help students to relate more easily to biblical truths! Be sure to interchange the use of monologue and lecture with activities as suggested in the curriculum! If students are not able to participate in the study, this focus will be lost on many of them! Be creative! This twenty minutes should be your most creative effort as a leadership team! Don't be afraid to experiment! Risk failure! It's worth the effort!



**Quiz Time & Close (10 minutes).....Students/Team Leaders**

Allow time for students to make announcements concerning upcoming team activities and events. Either the first 8-10 minutes or the last 8-10 minutes of the hour should be used for "Bible Quiz" See *the Bible Quiz material for instructions*. You may choose to conduct inter-team quizzes during the midweek youth worship, as well. But during this Bible Study hour, allow teams to "practice" for that "main event" with practice quizzes during this time. Students will be able to sharpen their Quiz skills through these weekly practice quizzes.