



Hosting Tips

Leading/hosting a small group Bible study doesn't require being a Bible expert. The best studies often happen when people feel welcomed, heard, and encouraged to grow together. As a leader, your role is to help people encounter God's Word, encourage one another, and grow in faith together. If people leave feeling loved, heard, and challenged by Scripture, you've hosted a successful Bible study

1. Create a Warm and Relaxed Environment

- Greet people personally as they arrive.
- Provide simple refreshments.
- Arrange seating in a circle to encourage conversation.
- Start and end on time to respect everyone's schedule.

2. Keep The Meal Simple

Food can be a great ministry tool. The goal isn't to impress people with a meal; it's to help them feel welcome and create space for fellowship. Simple and consistent is usually better than elaborate and stressful. Serve food before the Bible discussion starts whenever possible. People can mingle, catch up, and settle in. Once the study begins, the group is usually more focused and less distracted by eating.

3. Keep the Conversation Moving

When someone shares something, instead of moving to the next question, go deeper:

- "What makes you say that?"
- "Can you give an example?"
- "How have you seen that in real life?"
- "Where do you see that in the passage?"
- "How do you think others might view that?"

When the group gets quiet, use broader questions:

- "What stood out to you?"
- "What surprised you?"
- "What challenged you?"
- "What encourages you in this passage?"
- "If you had to summarize this text in one sentence, what would it be?"

Encourage interaction between members instead of answering yourself:

- "What do others think?"
- "Does anyone see it differently?"
- "Who can build on that thought?"
- "Has anyone had a similar experience?"