

HOST AND HELPER NOTES

SMALL GROUP COACHING



This week, we are looking at "How and why should I read the Bible?"

- Remember to pitch the questions low. Don't start by saying, "Isn't it exciting? Isn't reading the Bible amazing?" That is starting out with too high of expectations.
- 2. Start by asking simple questions, such as, "Has anybody tried reading the Bible? What did you think?" The lower the pitch, the bigger the range of possible answers and potential conversations.
- 3. At the end, if there is a lot of interest, you could mention that Nicky Gumbel has an app for reading the Bible called <u>Bible In</u> <u>One Year.</u>
- 4. Helpers: This is a great place



for you to share if you have struggled with reading the Bible. You will encourage conversation if you (briefly) share about those times of doubt or struggle.

- 5. The Alpha weekend is quickly approaching. Make sure a few of you share briefly about your own experience. Let guests know that we'd love for them to join us, even if they can't be there the whole time.
- 6. If you sense your group is ready, end the night with prayer. The lead host can begin, and each person will have the opportunity to pray. They can simply say "pass" if they don't feel comfortable praying. Hosts and helpers, remember to keep your prayers short.
- Make sure one helper does not pray out loud, just in case one guest also does not pray out loud. This will help the guest to not feel alone.

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GROUP GOAL

To raise curiosity about the Bible and help it seem more accessible.

PERSONAL GOAL

Introduce guests to a few different ways to start reading the Bible more often.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Icebreaker:

What is your favorite book and why?

- 1. What did you think or feel about the talk?
- 2. Has anyone ever tried reading the Bible? What was your experience?
- 3. How do you feel about the idea of God speaking through the Bible?
- 4. Does anyone have any practical suggestions about how to read the Bible? (At an appropriate point in the discussion, you might recommend the Bible in One Year app: <u>Bible In One</u> Year.)

If you find conversations stalling, ask these questions:

- Is there anything shared in the video that made you think or feel different than you did before you watched it?
- After watching this video are there things you are feeling comforted by, resistant to, or curious to learn more about?
- What aspect of the video or our conversations stand out as having the most impact to you personally?