

On the Lot:
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LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to understand how the words in the Bible can guide and transform their lives AND that they can read it on their own.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 119:103-105

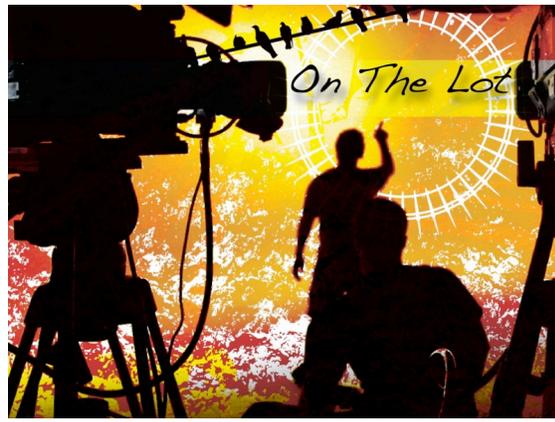
THINK ABOUT THIS

Reading the Bible on your own can be intimidating so we can shrink away from it even when we know it's good for us. If your students mention difficulty understanding what they are reading, recommend that they try finding a different translation. Many students are relieved when they open the New Living Translation (take one of ours home!) or The Message Bible. You may also want to suggest that they find a "student" edition study Bible that will give them context for what they read, because context always helps understanding. Do you have a Bible you like you can bring with you and show as an example?

THINGS TO KNOW

We have intentionally designed Bible reading guides to empower students with a way to read the Bible on their own. We suggest you read these together as a small group, texting your group encouragement to read throughout the week and discussing it next week. These guides will continue throughout this series cover the Book of Matthew.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation. too.



CONVERSATION GUIDE

MAIN POINT

The Word of God is a light that directs our path.

GET THEM TALKING

What's one of your favorite movies?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who can share a story of a time they were lost or lost something and had to use a flashlight to find it in the dark?

READ PSALM 119:103-105 and answer the following questions:

2. In what ways do you use honey? Why do you think David compares God's word to honey?
3. In what ways do you use a lamp? How do you think God's word compares to a lamp?
4. What can be intimidating to you about reading the Bible on your own?
5. Have you ever tried to read the Bible on your own on a regular basis? How'd that go?
6. What obstacles get in the way of reading the Bible daily?
7. What are ways we can overcome these obstacles?

NEXT STEP

Pass out the Matthew reading schedule. Invite your students to read the Bible every day this week with you. Talk as a group about how you can encourage each other in this next step.

PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students to share their prayer requests. Pray for those requests and praise God for any students who have accepted Jesus as their Savior for the first time today. If you have someone who has done that in your group, celebrate them as a group!

SCRIPTURE

MS students are concrete thinkers, so opening your Bible to read the Scripture with them is a preferred visual cue than just reading off of this sheet of paper.

Psalm 119:103-105 NLT

“How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey.¹⁰⁴ Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life.

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.”