



EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Bible Study Discussion Outline

Lesson The Authority of God's Word

Date Sample

Lesson Objective

To help my disciples understand the material on the authority of God's Word and work with them so they will apply it to their lives and teach it to *their* disciples. Also teach them how to develop a set of discussion questions on this lesson.

Time 3	Introduction What would you do if obedience to the Scriptures jeopardized your possessions, your career, your family, or your life? Would you remain loyal to God? How would you decide what to do? Or have you, perhaps, decided already? In this chapter you will examine the authority of the Bible and its reliability in helping us make decisions.	
2	Prayer Have John Smith open in prayer.	
	Discussion Question	Notes
12	Heading Topic I: The Author of Scripture	
	Discovery What did you discover about the authority of Scripture from your own study?	Questions 1-3
	Understanding What does it mean, "The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His word was in my mouth...?"	Jer. 1:6-9
	Correlation Why is it important for us to understand the Scriptures were "God-breathed"?	2 Tim. 3:16
	Application How can these truths help you in trying to resolve questions and issues you are dealing with personally?	
	Summary	
12	Heading Topic II: Jesus' View of Scripture	
	Discovery What did you learn about Jesus' view of Scripture?	Questions 4-9
	Understanding What does it mean when Jesus said, "I have come to fulfill the Law?"	Matt. 5:17,18
	Correlation What are some of the Laws Jesus fulfilled?	Gen. 3:15
	Application How can Jesus' example of using the Scripture help you? Give an example.	
	Summary	

Time	Discussion Question	Notes
12	Heading Topic III: The Reliability of Scripture	
	Discovery What did you discover about the reliability of God's Word?	Questions 10-13
	Understanding What did Peter mean when he said, "We have not followed cunningly devised fables..."?	2 Pet. 1:16-18
	Correlation What event is Peter making reference to in 2 Peter 1:16-18?	Matt. 17:1-9 Transfiguration
	Application How can the Reliability of the Bible help you personally? Be specific by giving an example.	
	Summary	
12	Heading Topic IV: The Sufficiency of the Scriptures	
	Discovery	
	Understanding	
	Correlation	
	Application	
	Summary	
12	Heading Topic V: Applying the Bible to Your Life	
	Discovery	
	Understanding	
	Correlation	
	Application	
	Summary	
2	Conclusion Summarize and review homework assignment.	
3	Prayer Have several persons pray over the things learned in this study.	