

HOW TO
DO A
BIBLE
STUDY

WHY BIBLE STUDIES?

WE BELIEVE THAT A GENERATION IS HUNGRY TO LIVE THE LIFESTYLE OF JESUS! WHEN EVEN A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE COME TOGETHER REGULARLY, THEY CAN CREATE A SIMPLE, CATALYTIC ENVIRONMENT THAT EMPOWERS EVERYONE TO RISE UP IN ACTIVATED LOVE. LOVE THAT IS PUT ON DISPLAY SO THAT OTHERS ARE CHANGED.

WHAT IS A BIBLE STUDY?

It's a few people gathering together to take hold of the powerful, extravagant love of Jesus and then giving Him their whole-hearted YES to go and do as He leads. It's being intentional to study the Scriptures, realizing that true love knows no fear. Because of Jesus, we are called to be courageous ones that bring God's Kingdom into every life and every aspect of society.

HOW TO LAUNCH A BIBLE STUDY



UNITE

Invite your friends to meet for several weeks to explore Jesus.



GROW

Actively grow in hearing God's voice around His next step for you, trusting Him to help you to do the impossible.



ACTIVATE

We need to take this love of Jesus and be outward-focused. Seeing and meeting needs around you. Loving the unlovable. Going to the broken and hurting. Multiplying the message of Jesus.

THE POWER OF ACTIVATION:

Imagine being approached by a ministry leader your freshman year and he tells you that you have the opportunity to rent the LA Coliseum for crusades in LA every night for the next four years. And what's more, he hands you a check for 2.5 billion dollars made out to the LA Coliseum to cover the rental costs!

While you fall to your knees cradling the check, he adds that the LA Coliseum will be filled every night with 100,000 people coming to hear the gospel. You do some quick math in your head and estimate that 146 million people would hear the gospel over the course of your college career. You're smart and you think perhaps 4% of the people you preach to will be saved each night. That means nearly 6 million would be saved in just 4 years. If your preaching is extra hot maybe 10% of the people will be saved. That would mean 14.6 million souls being won for Jesus!

You cannot believe the good news and run to tell your roommate Joe. But much to your surprise, the young leader hardly expresses any excitement. You began to think to yourself, "This is totally wrong! I am dropping out of school, and going out to get some serious fruit!"

Four years have passed and you are just finishing your

last night in the LA Coliseum where you saw over 14 million people saved. All that soul winning has worn you out and you decide to celebrate at Denny's. As you sit down to order, you see your old friend Joe sitting down with three-people at his booth. They were going over the exact same discipleship material you had gone through four years ago. You work hard to appear humble as you join their table knowing that this leader missed out on the biggest opportunity of their lives four years earlier. You finally work up the boldness to ask him what you wanted to know four years ago, "Why didn't you get excited when I told you about 100,000 people coming to the LA Coliseum every night for four years to hear the gospel?"

Joe was a bit embarrassed and tried to change the subject, but you persist, so he finally tells you. "Over the last four years, I've been sitting in this booth once a week with three friends, discipling them for five weeks at a time, and then asking them to do the same."

Imagine your surprise when you do the math and realize that while you were in the stadium preaching, Joe helped lead 81% of the world to Christ and each person received a solid five weeks of discipleship where they were set up for success to walk out their faith. Following Jesus' plan of multiplication, Joe was able to affect every nation on earth. This is the outcome when every believer is empowered and equipped to do their part.

While this may seem like an extreme example, the principles are true and the numbers work out. But what if this wasn't just an ethereal story? What if a discipleship movement began to happen in your city, through your life?

It's time to dive into your Bible Study. Here are the basic essentials to start your group and begin writing your own story.

GO OVER THE BASICS WITH YOUR GROUP OF FRIENDS:

SET THE TIME

Establish a meet up pattern for your Bible Study and how many weeks you can meet. Meet up at least once a week for approximately one hour.

SET THE CULTURE

Communicate to your pocket that Jesus is the Leader of the pocket, and that we are all in this together learning to

live his lifestyle. He says, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20)

DO THESE THREE THINGS IN A BIBLE STUDY!

#1 REVIVE: Jesus will revive us as we cry out for more of Him and seek to know His ways and live His lifestyle.

ACTIVATION: Spend time loving and seeking God and praying for each person in your group. Intentionally pray that each of you would live the Lifestyle of Jesus and know Him. (Pray over each person in your group out loud every week)

#2 TRAIN: Jesus has invited us into his mission and He has called us to be trained in His lifestyle and to train others so that every nation and every soul would know Him.

ACTIVATION: Spend time in the Bible Study actively reading and learning the message, so that you can pay it forward and impart to others the same truths you are discovering. (Read a chapter out loud, answer study questions, giving everyone a chance to use their voice).

#3 GO: Jesus will partner with us to actively seek and save the lost — to find those that need to experience His love!

ACTIVATION: Spend time actively loving people, sharing the gospel, meeting needs and listening to God. He is going to catalyze you into a greater plan of touching your campus, your workplace, your community, and even the nations with His truth, power and love.