

SPONTANEOUS BIBLE STUDY

This type of Bible study can be done with no advance preparation and can include believers, unbelievers, church and/or unchurched. It could even be used for children. The ideal setting is someone's home. You do not need a trained leader, just one who can facilitate the study. The facilitator needs to be able to pick out the appropriate Scripture passage ahead of time. Ideal size for such a group would be anywhere from three to twelve people. The larger the group the less likely it is that attendees will participate.

Pick a passage and have everyone read it individually and/or out loud. Then go over the following questions, giving each person an opportunity to answer if he/she would like to do so. No one should be "forced" to answer, but it is helpful to create a climate where all are invited to be involved.

- 1) What do you like best about the passage?
- 2) What do you like least?
- 3) What is difficult to understand?
- 4) What did you learn about God or the Christian life?
- 5) What do you need to apply about what you have read?
- 6) Which verse or phrase would you like to take with you today?
- 7) How can I turn this verse into a prayer?
"Lord, please help me to..."