

GROW *Disciples*

Girls/Guys Reaching Out with the Word

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:20 NIV

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:2-3 NIV

Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God. I Chronicles 22:19a NIV

Study the Word of God using the HEART Method

- H *Hear the Word*
- E *Explain the Context*
- A *Ask the Holy Spirit to Teach*
- R *Reveal God's Character and Will*
- T *Testify*

Discipleship Begins with a Small Group of Friends

1. Gather with two or three friends to study a passage or book of the Bible.
2. Open with prayer thanking Jesus for being with you and asking the Holy Spirit to teach you.
3. Read aloud the portion of scripture being studied separating it into smaller parts.
4. Use Bible study helps to explain the historical and cultural context of the book and passages.
5. Explore related verses and Greek and Hebrew word meanings as you discuss each section.
6. Focus on God. What does the passage reveal about God and His will for our lives?
7. Testify together of His goodness, encouraging one another to walk in faith, obedience, and love.
8. Close in prayer, asking God for strength and wisdom to live out what has been learned.
9. Meet together regularly.
10. Encourage each person to meet with a second group of friends to multiply discipleship.

Helpful Resources

Online Bible Study Helps

- *You Version Bible App* - read multiple translations of the text easily; listen to the scripture being read aloud, and read book introductions in the NIV version
- *Literal Word App* - comprehensive concordance, easy-to-use Greek and Hebrew lexicons, and linked cross-references