

THE SEVEN STEPS BIBLE SHARING



1. WE INVITE THE LORD

Will someone, please invite Jesus in a prayer?

2. WE READ THE TEXT

Let us open...

Chapter...

Will someone, please, read verses...

Will someone read the same text from a different version or language, if possible?

3. WE PICK OUT ANY WORDS AND MEDITATE ON THEM

We pick out any words or short phrases, read them aloud prayerfully and keep silence in between.

Afterwards:
We read the text again.

4. WE LET GOD SPEAK TO US IN SILENCE

We keep silence for ... minutes and allow God to speak to us.

5. WE SHARE WHAT WE HAVE HEARD IN OUR HEARTS

Which word has touched us personally?
(Please no discussing or preaching.)

6. WE DISCUSS ANY TASK WHICH OUR GROUP IS CALLED TO DO

- Report on previous task.
- Which new task has to be done?

(In this step a 'Word of Life' can be chosen from the text by the group which all try to live during the week(s) ahead.)

7. WE PRAY SPONTANEOUSLY

All are invited to pray from the heart.

Afterwards:
We end with a prayer/hymn which all know.



After Bible sharing a group can occasionally go through the SELF-EVALUATION SCHEME on the next page. This will help to correct possible shortcomings and enable the group to continually improve.

SELF-EVALUATION SCHEME

STEP 1:

Was there a spirit of prayer?
Was there anything which disturbed the spirit of prayer?

STEP 2:

Did everybody find the text before it was read?

STEP 3:

Did we allow a good time of silence in between the words which we were picking out?

STEP 4:

Was the time of silence too short or too long?

STEP 5:

Was there real personal sharing or did somebody start a discussion or 'preach' to others?

STEP 6:

Did we allow the Spirit of God's Word to guide our discussions on our task?
Did everybody get a chance to say what they wanted to say?
Did you feel that some of us talked too long?

STEP 7:

Did we allow enough time for everybody to pray spontaneously?

THE FACILITATOR:

What did the facilitator do well?
What can she/he still improve?