

VIDEO 5: DIVING DEEPER INTO SCRIPTURE

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Using and teaching scripture in your small group is a vital component of making mature, Christ-following disciples. However, scripture teaching and discussion can often lead to people asking difficult questions in your small group. Pastor Saehee Duran gives us some helpful tips for using scripture in our small group and guidance for confidently and humbly responding to difficult questions.

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1. The Bible needs to be a priority in your small group
 - Only 1 out of 5 Americans have read through the entire Bible.
 - True discipleship cannot be done without engaging the Bible. It completes us (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
 - The scriptures contain timeless truths that are relevant for today (Psalms 119:105, ESV).
 - No curriculum or book compares to the Bible
2. You are not just a discussion leader; you are a spiritual mentor
 - Discussions are great for community building, but they cannot be your only tool.
 - Discussion must be balanced with biblical engagement.
3. How do we engage with scripture during small group?
 - Leading a small group does not require a bible degree. It requires a love for the Bible and the courage to engage it even when you do not know everything.
 - When preparing for small group and reading a passage of scripture ask yourself...
 - What did this passage mean to the original reader?
 - How does this passage point toward Jesus?
 - What does this passage have to do with the people I minister to in my small group?
 - If someone asks a question you don't know the answer to, don't guess. Let them know you will study it and get back to them. Consult a mentor or pastor.

GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. What plan or strategy do you have for prioritizing scripture in your small group?
2. What fears do you have when it comes to engaging the bible in your small group?
3. Have you ever been asked a question about the Bible that you did not know the answer to? How did you handle it? Would you handle it different in the future knowing what you know now?
4. Complete the following group activity together.
 - Read Luke 2:41-52 as a group. Answer the following questions about the passage. Consult outside resources if necessary.
 - What did this passage mean to the original reader?
 - How does this passage point toward Jesus?
 - What does this passage have to do with the people I minister to in my small group?