

Evaluation Tools and Purpose

- Evaluation of the parish Scripture study is valuable for both leaders and participants and is essential for the health of the program. Without regular feedback within groups, problems may emerge and escalate, mistakes get repeated, good ideas remain undeveloped, and good work may not be recognized.
- Two types of evaluation will be of benefit:
 - Informal evaluation in small groups during the study.
 - Formal evaluation at the end of each study.
- Informal evaluations help to reinforce the lesson that our behaviors in the group have an impact on others and on the process. Consider the following as types of informal evaluation:
 - Every few weeks, a few moments at the end of a small group session could be used to check the group's progress. Allow group members to make comments and suggestions regarding the group process and the quality of the discussion.
 - The facilitator may occasionally ask for brief written feedback. For example, the following could be used: "Name one strength and one weakness in our group process," or "I liked . . . , I suggest"
 - It is also possible to ask group members to do a self-evaluation for their own personal reflection. Consider one's commitment to prayer, preparation, presence, and participation.
- At the end of each course of study, make plans to use a more formal tool for evaluation. [Click here for a sample evaluation.](#)
 - Provide an opportunity to include those who stayed and those who may have left the program. Be sure to allow anyone who even began Bible study to offer feedback. You may discover some interesting misperceptions or suggestions for future use.
 - Plan a meeting or some other way for facilitators and coordinators to review the completed evaluations and discuss the overall impressions as well as particular concerns.
 - Provide feedback to Bible study participants to summarize the positive things that were heard, and to address any suggestions or concerns.