

How Does Little Rock Scripture Study Work?

DAILY PERSONAL STUDY

Participants spend time prayerfully reading and reflecting on an assigned section of the Scriptures. Each lesson includes prayer, the assigned Scripture text, solid biblical commentary, and question for learning and reflection. Ideally, if you devote about 20 minutes a day to the process, you will find it manageable and allow time for the material to sink in. This time of personal study provides the foundation for each week's small group discussion.

WEEKLY SMALL GROUP SHARING

Gather weekly (or on a regular schedule) with others who are studying the same material. Eight to ten people in each group is ideal. You will share the fruits of your personal study, and in the process, discover new insights. A facilitator will help to create an atmosphere of openness and trust in which God's Word and its application to daily life can be discovered and discussed. (See 10 Guiding Principles for Small Group Discussion.)

WEEKLY WRAP-UP LECTURE

A 15–20 minute lecture follows the small group discussion to develop and clarify the themes of the lesson. Qualified people from the local community may be invited to provide the lectures, or recorded lectures are available for purchase or online. The link to these free online lectures is found in each book at the bottom of the Table of Contents page. If you prefer to use a DVD version, these may be purchased.

PRAYER

In addition to personal prayer during daily study time, the group is encouraged to pray together to begin and end each session. Options for group prayer are found in each book. A source of unity, support, and guidance, prayer is the key to the success of Little Rock Scripture Study at every stage.