



## God's Plan

### Week 1: Studying the Bible

**What we want students to learn:** God gave us His Word.

**What we want students to do with what they've learned:** Study God's Word on their own, not just at church.

**Large Group Message Focus:** Psalm 19:7-11

**Scripture Focus:** John 1

### The Main Point

Spiritual disciplines. We often encourage students to value them, yet they don't know why. We often encourage students to do them, yet they don't know how. This series will address both, the how and the why of spiritual disciplines. Specifically, we will be talking about studying the Bible, serving in the church, and praying.

#### INTRODUCTION

- **What is the biggest thing that stops you from reading your Bible?**

Whether you have been walking with Jesus for years, or still aren't quite sure what you believe about Him, we all have reasons as to why we don't read God's Word. Maybe your students expressed their lack of experience or head knowledge when it comes to Bible study. Maybe some do not understand what it says and get discouraged. Others may feel that they simply do not have the time. Whatever the reason, tonight, we want to empower you to help your students understand that studying their Bible is possible on their own, and they certainly don't need a Biblical Studies degree to do it.

PRAY as you begin your group tonight that students would develop a desire to study God's Word.

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#### LESSON

Tonight's lesson is going to look quite a bit different, and we can't wait! During the rest of this series, we are challenging your students to participate in a 21-day Bible reading challenge through the book of John on their own. We are going to walk through the book of John together as a ministry. Today, you and your students are going to walk through day 1 together, and then they will continue with day 2 on their own tomorrow.

So, here's what you need to do:

1. Download the You Version Bible app and search for the "John Reading Guide," or visit their website with this link <https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/817-john-reading-guide>.
2. Begin the plan and open day one.
3. Read John chapter one together.
  - a. Do not attempt to read this all at one time.

- b. Consider stopping after every few verses, or after each natural breaking point in the text. Have your group summarize what they read, and allow them to ask questions.
4. Read the devotional together.
5. Answer the corresponding questions at the bottom of the devotional.

The reason you had your group time in this format tonight is to empower students to study their Bible on their own. Our hope is that tonight took the “intimidation factor” out of this challenge.

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#### TAKE IT OUT

Close small group out with prayer requests. Pray specifically that your group would commit to reading God’s Word together, and that the Lord would speak to them through it. Also, thank God for His Word that He gave to us.

After prayer, be sure to remind them of any upcoming group serving activities or student events and THE WEEKEND!