FACILITATOR'S GUIDE



Tips

- Be sure to read the "Being a Good Facilitator" section of the Book Study Guidelines for lots of helpful tips that aren't repeated here.
- After doing introductions in the first meeting, pass out the first discussion guide.
- One way to start is to take turns reading the discussion guide questions and then reading the pages in the book covered by each question.



- Try to keep conversation centered on the material, but realize that all the points in a discussion guide might not be covered during the meeting.
- Before ending each meeting, hand out the next discussion guide and tell participants what pages will be covered. (All the book study materials can be copied and freely distributed.)
- Simple refreshments can bring warmth and comfort to the group.
- You may want to schedule a celebration after your last meeting to commemorate your time together!





First Meeting: Introductions

Tell everyone your name and share some personal background information.



Ask how everyone heard about the book study or why they are interested in the topic. This helps people get acquainted and feel comfortable.

All Other Meetings

Keeping in Touch – At the beginning of each meeting ask questions like:

- How was your week?
- How did you like this week's reading? (You'll find out if people didn't have time to read it!)
- Is there something from the reading you would especially like to discuss?

Getting back in touch with each other establishes a friendly feeling in the group.

Closing

You can use the last point in the discussion guide, a moment of meditation or any other idea that works for you and the group. Thank everyone for coming.

The Last Meeting

At the end of your group, look at the "If you want more" list for some suggestions and ideas to consider. These book study guides are courtesy of The Summit Lighthouse 1-800-245-5445.



Follow your heart, go with the flow and have lots of fun!

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