

BASICS FOR STARTING A GROUP

What's the purpose of book study groups?

For everyone involved to:

1. Gain practical tools to improve their lives.
2. Form relationships with like-minded people.
3. Grow spiritually.



Where can we meet?



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- ◆ **Public places**—Bookstore, coffee shop, community room, library or any public meeting room, restaurant...
- ◆ **Virtual ideas**—Internet cafes, conference calls...
- ◆ **Someone's home**

How can we get people to come?



See the "Getting People to Come" section and sample posters and fliers.

Where do we purchase the books?

- ◆ Local bookstores (If they don't have a number on hand, you can ask them to order some.)
- ◆ Online bookstores like Amazon.com
- ◆ The Summit Lighthouse – 800-245-5445

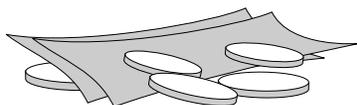


Plan ahead for meetings:

- ◆ Make copies of discussion guides to give to those attending.
- ◆ Electronic versions of the guides (PDF and Flash) are available to download or print at www.bookstudygroups.org
- ◆ Set up the room in advance if necessary.
- ◆ Start on time and end on time.



What about covering your expenses?



You can ask for donations to help cover the cost of refreshments, copying the discussion guides, etc. People often like to contribute, so don't hesitate to ask.

Have questions or feedback?

Contact us by calling 800-245-5445 and asking for book study groups or emailing us at bookstudy@tsl.org

Have a great book study group experience!



If you're inspired to help The Summit Lighthouse spread book study groups around the world, please send a **check payable to T.S.L.** Write **"BSG donation"** in the memo line. (BSG stands for book study groups.)