**EXPLORE**

**THE BIBLE**

Exploring what the Bible teaches

about life and relationships

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The Bible addresses real life issues

1. **Two Lost Sons** – Luke 15:11-32
2. **A Paralyzed Man** – Mark 2:1-12
3. **A Widow** – Luke 18:1-8
4. **A Proud Leader** – Luke 18:9-17
5. **A Religious Leader** – John 3:1-21
6. **A Tax Collector** – Luke 19:1-10
7. **An Ambitious Mother** – Matthew 20:20-28
8. **A Worried Father** – John 4:43-54
9. **A Rich Man** – Luke 12:16-34
10. **Another Rich Man** – Mark 10:17-31

**WHAT IS THE BIBLE?**

**The Bible is God’s path towards loving, healthy relationships with God / people close to us / people in the world.**

**REVIEW** LAST WEEK

1. What are you thankful for in this past week?
2. Do you remember last week’s Bible passage? What happened when you applied those insights to your life?
3. Did you share your insights with anyone else? How did they respond?

**READ** THE BIBLE PASSAGE

1. Retell the passage together in your own words (clarify unfamiliar words).
2. Is there anything that you like or don’t like about this passage? Why?
3. What can we learn about God / Jesus / us?

**RESPOND** PERSONALLY

1. How does this passage help or challenge you – and what would change if you put these Bible truths into practice this week?
2. How is your relationship with God / others / the world – and how does this Bible passage apply to these relationships? What will you do?
3. If something in this Bible passage has helped you, would this be good news for someone you know?

**CONCLUSION**

How can we pray for each other?

How can we practically help each other?

* **Take turns facilitating the group questions each week.**
* **No one is the teacher; everyone is discovering together.**
* **Every single person can learn from the Bible without previous experience.**
* **Stick to the passage. Don’t let the group wander to other passages / topics.**
* **It’s helpful to take notes so that the group can remember the plans that each person makes for the coming week.**