

Book-by-Book Group BIBLE-STUDY

This is one of many group-Bible-study methods your group may find useful/helpful. The group develops a list from the Bible's 66 books: which book would you personally like a group to spend a 2-hour (or 1½-hour) session on? Are you willing to at least start the discussion of that book, using the format below? (Or a trained Bible-teacher may be the guide.)

ASSIGNMENT: Slowly, meditatively, prayerfully, preferably aloud, **read through** the book once for each of these three questions, & take notes on yourself for possible sharing aloud with the group:

Form and Content

1 **WHAT IS HERE?** Literary genre/type? POV: Speakers/authors reveal their point of view through their relative use/stress vis-a-vis persons/times/ideas/events/places (P-TIE-P).

Meaning

2 **WHAT DID IT MEAN?** What message/s is the author trying to communicate?

3 **WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

...to ME

(1) ...in my inner life (ideas/feelings/moods/decisions/fantasies/fears/hopes/loves)?

(2) ...in my interpersonal life (family/friends/neighbors/acquaintances/strangers)?

(3) ...in my public life (community affairs/volunteering/politics/leisure-recreation)?

...to US

(1) ...in our church-congregation?

(2) ...in the wider church (denominational/conciliar: local/state/nation/world)?

(3) ...in "the world"?

4 **ACTION:** What should I/we do in light of this Bible-time together?

Use the reverse side of this sheet to work on this question.

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Thoughts
Subjects

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