

How to Use The Gospel Project for Adults Leader Guide

The Gospel Project is a weekly Bible study created by Lifeway that helps adults dive deep into the larger storyline of the Bible—namely, God’s plan to rescue His people through His Son, Jesus Christ. Every session shows how all Scripture leads us to Jesus. It is a chronological study that examines the uniting gospel story and essential truths of Scripture. Over a three-year period, the chronological storyline of the good news of Jesus Christ, from Genesis to Revelation, will help individuals and groups understand the full gospel story. Through the study, gospel-centered discipleship places our transformation on Jesus, not simply on moralistic thinking.

This video will show you, the group leader, how to get the most out of the Leader Guide. The Leader Guide is designed to be used in the week leading up to the group time as a personal study guide for the leader, so you can experience what your group is experiencing, with additional leader notes to help you facilitate a group time in the best possible way. As you are studying the lesson the week before [the](#) group time, your group with their Personal Study Guide is doing the same to be prepared for a rich discussion when you meet as a group. (Be sure to pass out the Personal Study Guides a week before you plan to start the lessons.)

Now, let’s look at the different elements found in each lesson.

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As you look at the first page, you will see the title, the core passage, the context, and the key concept. This is what your group sees in their Personal Study Guide as well. The Context gives the background surrounding the core passage to help you read the Scripture passage in its historical context, and the key concept helps direct your thoughts to the main ideas of the Scripture passage and lesson.

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The next page features a timeline and a daily reading plan. The timeline gives you a visual perspective so you can place the Bible story in the larger context of the Bible’s storyline. The Daily Readings provide a way to read relevant texts on a daily basis to keep you consistent in your daily Bible reading. You can begin each week by reading the Scriptures according to these Daily Readings. These Bible readings will help you mentally and spiritually prepare for the group experience each week while also building healthy Bible study habits for personal growth. Also included in the Daily Reading is a weekly psalm that will help you think worshipfully and prayerfully about the story’s place in the greater redemptive narrative of the Bible. In your Leader Guide will also be a QR code for accessing the Bible translation of the core passage in CSB, ESV, or KJV. The Scripture translation used in the Leader Guide is CSB. These first pages will be exactly what your group sees in their Personal Study Guide.

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The next page starts your Personal Preparation, again, similar to the Personal Study Guide but with added Leader Notes. The core passage will be laid out in two parts with

each part containing a portion of Scripture, commentary, leader notes, and questions to answer. In the Leader Guide, the Scripture passage will not be laid out as spaciously as in the Personal Study Guide, but a Bible study prompt will still help you engage with the Scripture passage. Feel free to do more than the prompt, learning to inductively study Scripture by highlighting key words or seeing repetition or parallels in the passage, and consider places to discuss those insights with your group during the group time.

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Occasionally, there will be a box with a Christ Connection, Gospel Connection, Theology Connection, and/or Church Connection. These added texts will help you connect the Scripture passage with Christ or His gospel, a theological doctrine, or how that passage is relevant to church life.

There will also be occasional Voices from Church History or from the Church boxes, highlighting relevant quotes from thought leaders in the church, past and present, that pertain to the lesson.

The key concept will always be at the top of the spread to remind you of the main point of the lesson for that week, keeping you focused and on track.

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The commentary provides insight to the lesson, and the additional leader notes add more insight for you, the leader. The thought-provoking questions will help you answer the same questions your group is answering during the week, guiding everyone to theological and practical application for their lives. You have the full week to work on your personal preparation, so whether you prefer to break it up into parts or do it all in one day, the flexibility is there for your schedule.

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Next in the Leader Guide, the Group Experience for each session starts with a question you can ask your group as people arrive. It is usually a light-hearted question that anyone can answer to build community but also connect to the lesson. The Context section after that helps you understand the context of the Scripture passage for the lesson and convey that background information to the group. The Recap section will be a time for you to answer any questions your group may have about the lesson and the personal study time they have already done. It is also a time to recap or summarize what was learned during the week, especially for those in your group who are new or did not have time to do the study during the week.

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After the time of Recap, directions will guide you through the group activity and interactive questions designed to make the most of your group experience. You may want to discuss with your group whether you prefer them to start on the group activity during their personal study time before the group meeting or waiting until you meet together. Either way, the personal prep you've put into the days leading up to your group time will provide a richer discussion when you meet as a group.

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At the conclusion of your group time, guide your group through the Head, Heart, and Hands questions to write answers in the space provided. Then either guide your group through reading and praying through a designated psalm or encourage your group to read and pray through the psalm themselves during the coming week. And finally, space is provided to record prayer requests and praises as you wrap up your group time.

Our hope is that the Leader Guide for The Gospel Project for Adults will help you guide and facilitate your group toward seeing how Scripture points to Christ from the Old Testament to the New, seeing God's redemptive plan being played out throughout history for His glory and our good because of His gracious love toward us.

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