

LEADER TIPS

Pray diligently.

Ask God to prepare you to lead this study. Pray individually and specifically for the girls in your group. Make this a priority in your personal walk and preparation.

Prepare adequately.

Don't just wing this. Take time to preview each session so you have a good grasp of the content. Look over the group session and consider the students in your group. Feel free to delete or reword the questions provided and add other questions that fit your group better.

Provide resources.

Each student will need a Bible study book. Try to have extras on hand for girls who join the group later in the study. Also suggest students bring a Bible and journal to group each week.

Encourage freely.

Cheer for your students and encourage them to participate in every part of the study.

Lead by example.

Make sure you complete all of the personal study. Be willing to share your story, what you're learning, and your questions as you discuss together.

Be aware.

If girls are hesitant to discuss their thoughts and questions in a larger group, consider dividing into smaller groups to provide a setting more conducive to conversation.

Follow up.

If a student mentions a prayer request or need, make sure to follow up. It may be a situation where you can get others in the group involved in helping out.

Evaluate often.

After each session and throughout the study, assess what needs to be changed to more effectively lead the study.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR GROUP TIME:

Discussion

The Group Time is designed to provide an outline as you lead the discussion with students. The best way to prepare to lead a Group Time is to study the content and Scripture passages provided ahead of time, as well as watch the videos on your own.

After Session One, begin each Group Time by reviewing what students accomplished through their personal study days. Encourage them to share what they learned, then point out some key truths to help include the students who didn't complete their personal study.

If you have a large group, you can always split students into smaller groups to read the Scripture passages and answer the questions on their own.

The answers to the fill-in-the-blanks are located in the back of the book on page 206.

Close each time by praying, then remind students what to work on before you meet next.

Videos

There are short introduction videos from Rebecca McLaughlin provided with the purchase of your Bible study book. See page 4 for more information on how to access the videos.

You can encourage students to watch the video ahead of time, or you can play it for them at the beginning of your Group Time.

Leader resources and social assets can be found at lifeway.com/gospeltruthteen.