



GETTING STARTED

GET A GROUP STARTED STEP-BY-STEP

SIMPLE GROUPS, GREAT IMPACT.

01 WHY ARE YOU STARTING A GROUP?

What has encouraged you to start a group? Jot down your reason for pursuing this as a reminder throughout the life of your group that you can come back to. God has called you to this, and you will ignite great change by simply obeying this call to a group and saying yes to God. You can do this!

02 WHO ARE YOU INVITING?

Ask yourself, "who do I do life with?" Are there women you see on the soccer fields, in your neighborhood, at the gym or the elementary school? Are there girls in your college dorm or classes, on your sports team or at the cubicle next to you? Pray over who you might want to invite and who might need a group like this. Then reach out to give them an opportunity to build authentic relationships and grow deeper in God's Word.

03 WHAT DO YOU WANT TO STUDY FIRST?

Pick out a study that is going to teach women how to study God's Word and apply life changing truth to their lives and circumstances. Check out the bookstore (online or listed in this resource book) for some great options to help you facilitate your group and grow women, young and old, in a greater understanding of God's Word.

04 WHERE AND WHEN WILL YOU MEET?

Setting the environment is important. Where will your group meet and how often? Most people assume their home is the easiest place, but there are many options depending on your community - local coffee shops, parks, cafes, or maybe another idea you might come up with that fits what your group is used to! Wherever you decide, make sure it's consistent and easy for the group to find, especially the first day. Communicate well, stick to the plan, and ensure the environment is conducive to conversation, comfort, and study.

YOU'RE READY TO GO!

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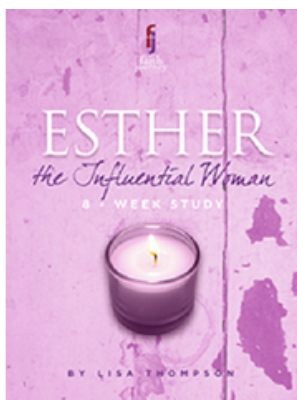
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FIND THE RIGHT FAITH JOURNEY BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUR GROUP

Esther

The Book of Esther encourages us to be risk takers, believing that God is before all things, orchestrating key events in our lives to prepare us for such a time as this!



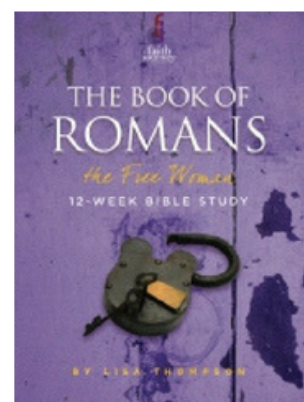
8-WEEK STUDY



12-WEEK STUDY

Romans

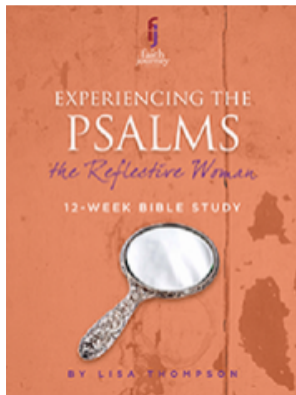
The book of Romans reveals answers to important questions about foundations of the Christian faith, and the key to living freely in the Good News of Jesus Christ.



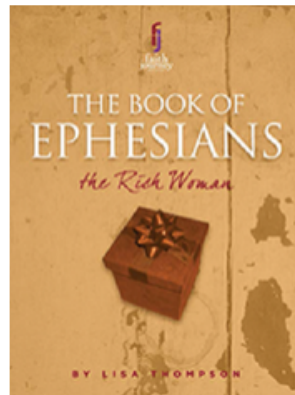
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Psalms

This study of selected Psalms, written by King David will give you a greater understanding of the amazing God we worship and His promises for you.



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Ephesians

Ephesians reminds us how to live like rich, victorious, powerful women in Christ. When we tap into the spiritual resources made available to us every day, we realize true wealth comes from personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Matthew

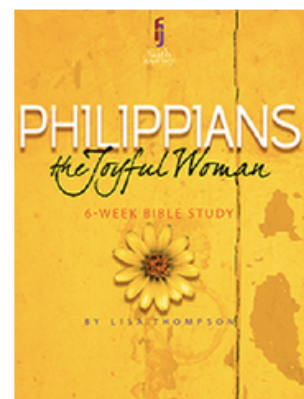
The Gospel of Matthew challenges us with this most crucial and life-changing question. Matthew's gospel reminds us that Jesus is much more than a carpenter; Jesus is our King!



12-WEEK STUDY

Philippians

Paul wrote this letter from prison, where he was chained day and night to a Roman soldier, suffering and facing a possible death sentence. Yet, he wrote with confidence, strength, and joy!



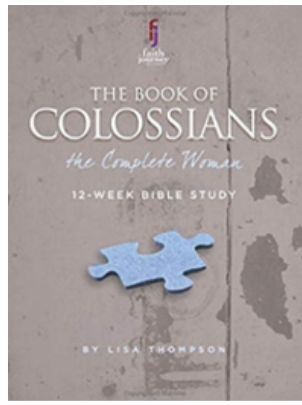
6-WEEK STUDY

John

GREAT BEGINNER STUDY!
Studying the book of John is a great way to increase your understanding of the Christian faith. You will gain a deeper understanding of how and why you can trust Jesus personally with your life.

Colossians

The Apostle Paul encourages his readers to return to the simplicity of their faith, and just as they had received Christ Jesus as Lord, to walk in Him and display His character. We have been given everything we need to walk our faith journey with power and joy through Christ alone.



12-WEEK STUDY

LEARN THE F.A.I.T.H STUDY FORMAT

F - FOCUS ON THE PASSAGE

Read the passage once or twice to really focus on the words themselves - what is God saying through this passage? Ask yourself questions like what is going on, what themes are present, etc.

A - ADMIT WHERE YOU ARE

The questions in each day will help you discover your current way of thinking, spiritual understanding, and life circumstances. Take time to connect your life with the spiritual truths.

I - INTERPRET THE PASSAGE

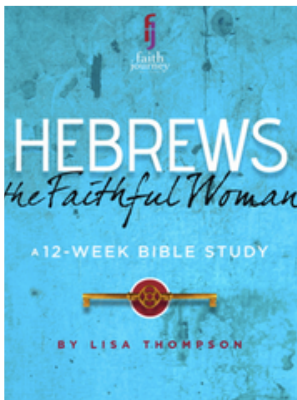
Consider historical context and facts as you try to understand the Scripture. Look up the definitions for words, read some commentary and seek the original words from the original languages - Greek or Hebrew to get the fullest understanding.

T- TAKE THE PASSAGE INTO YOUR LIFE

Allow Scripture to transform you from the inside out and in your daily life. What have you learned about God's character or your character? How can you take action on the truths you learned so your life reflects the Gospel?

H- HEAR FROM GOD

We won't hear from Him if we don't take the time to listen to what He has to say. The "Hear from God" questions will give you an opportunity to hear and discern God's voice through Scripture. After all, this is about a true relationship with your Heavenly Father..



12-WEEK STUDY

Hebrews

As Christian women, we can sometimes waver in our faith and be tempted to fall back into old lifestyle patterns. After all, it's easy to drift toward values and lifestyles that the majority of people around us endorse.

James

Your study in the Book of James will give you practical advice for living out your faith in the face of the pressures and difficulties that come your way. James tells us that growing in the Lord will only come when you apply what He is saying to you through His Word.



8-WEEK STUDY

**FAITH JOURNEY
BIBLE STUDIES ARE
AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE ONLINE
THROUGH AMAZON OR
WWW.LISATHOMPSONONLINE.COM**

PRAY & PLAN

INVEST

The first step to building a lasting study in your community starts with with investing in prayer, people and partnership.

- Investing in prayer usually means that you have devoted time to specifically ask the Lord to lead and prepare you as you take this step of leadership as well as taking time to intercede for the women in your community who are disconnected from God or fellowship.
- Invest in people in a way that you have significant relationships with women who are disconnected and you have spent enough time with them “earning the right to be heard”... hearing about their stories of brokenness, laughing & crying with them, sending them cookies or a note when illness strikes their home, so they understand that you care about them right where they are. We are all somewhere on a journey of faith - whether they have none or different faith backgrounds.
- Investing in partnership means that you have built a team of supportive Christian relationships who will pray for you, keep you accountable and help you with practical needs as you step out to lead a group. Consider all the ways you can DELEGATE! Consider who will host the group or help coordinate service opportunities. You don't have to do this alone.

INVITE

Connecting with friends is what we do! Inviting friends to join us in our life comes naturally for some and not so naturally for others. Whatever insecurities fill your mind about inviting your friends and acquaintances to join you in your faith journey... remember that it is always nice to receive an invitation! Women love to be thought of and considered when the list of “who to invite” is being prepared. Consider prayerfully who to extend an invitation to and then GO FOR IT! If it helps, scroll through your contact list, drive around your neighborhood, think outside your normal circle of friends and reach out if God is calling you to.

& PRAY PLAN

INSPIRE

Prepare to be inspired by the Holy Spirit to lead your new group. He truly does lead and inspire. We have several tools for you to consider using to deepen your own personal study of the Bible, as well as practical tools to help you prepare and lead your Faith Journey group for the first time! While you may be feeling a lot of pressure, we hope you take time before your group begins to let Jesus carry that burden for you, because He has chosen you for this. We believe the best way to inspire others is to become inspired yourself, so keep digging into Scripture on your own and watch for all the ways the Holy Spirit will whisper life and hope through you as you lead your group.

IMPACT

Jesus created us to be fruitful and multiply... not just physically, but spiritually. This whole process of pouring time and energy into your group will ultimately be part of an organic movement happening since Jesus modeled it for us more than 2000 years ago. It is called discipleship. Your group is meant to multiply, and we hope you can catch onto this most important aspect of your Faith Journey... grow up and send out future leaders of other FJ Groups! This sometimes means sending your "best" group member out to start her own thing, but we encourage you to let go and allow God to impact your community, one Faith Journey group at a time!

YOU'RE NOT ALONE IN THIS JOURNEY. WE'D LOVE TO CONNECT YOU TO OUR FACEBOOK GROUP FOR FAITH JOURNEY LEADERS, WHERE YOU CAN FIND INSPIRATIONAL TEACHING VIDEOS, SUPPORT FROM OTHER GROUP LEADERS, TIPS AND IDEAS FOR LEADING A GREAT GROUP, AND MORE!
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