

# Scripture Reading Group

## Discussion Guide

Below are some guidelines to help you facilitate your Group time together. This format can be used whether your Group meets in person or via Zoom.

### **OPEN IN PRAYER — 2 MIN**

Begin with prayer. Ask the Lord to bless your time in His word and to bind your Group together in love and unity.

### **SHARE LIFE TOGETHER — 10 MIN**

You can share highlights and hard things of the week, prayer requests and praises, or just catch up. Be intentional in using this time to ask questions that stimulate discussion.

### **TURN TO THE TEXT. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY? — 15 MIN**

Encourage everyone to share 1-2 insights from their daily Bible reading from the week. Here are some helpful questions to spur reflection on the week's readings:

1. What was something that stood out to you in your reading?
2. What was something surprising in the text this week?
3. What was something confusing or difficult to understand?
4. Where did you see God at work in the text?
5. What did the text reveal to you about the human condition or our need for a Savior?

### **GET TO THE HEART. HOW DOES THE GOSPEL CHANGE US? — 20 MIN**

The Bible must not only be read but also applied to our lives. Spend some time going beyond the surface to the heart, focusing on how God can use His word to change your Group. Here are some questions to get to the heart:

1. How does this truth apply to your life?
2. What is God teaching you, and how is it affecting your life? How can you share this truth with others?
3. What has Jesus revealed that you need to surrender to him?
4. What could your next step be? What are you going to do about it? How will the gospel help you change?

### **GROUP PRAYER — 10 MIN**

Share prayer requests and pray for one another. Don't forget to pray for "kingdom prayers," such as the spread of the gospel to the nations, the multiplication of church plants in our area, and the church's growth in spiritual maturity.