



## Choose a Study for Your Group

What should your group study/discuss next? Reading and studying the Word as a group can take on a lot of different forms throughout the year and can even vary based on current life stage.

### Ideas for reading and studying the Word:

- **Sermon-based discussion** – Group members attend/listen to the weekend message and then discuss the teaching, scripture and application points. No “homework” during the week.
- **Scripture-based discussion** – Group members read a passage of scripture together and then apply a study method, such as “SOAP,” to discuss the passage. (SOAP stands for **S**cripture, **O**bservation, **A**pplication and **P**rayer.) Go through a book of the Bible together, slowly going through a chapter at a time. No “homework” during the week.
- **Read a book of the Bible & discuss** – Group members read through a pre-determined section of the Bible on their own during the week, journaling and taking notes as they read. Each person brings their insights and questions to the group for discussion each week and talk together about life application. Add in resources from The Bible Project as well as online study tools and commentaries to deepen the study.
- **Bible study curriculum** – Select a published study curriculum for the group to use. Curriculum is available for books of the Bible as well as topical studies and is available in print, video, and through various phone apps. Most Bible study curriculum will have some form of “homework” during the week. Some studies that are video based only require watching the video together before group discussion. (i.e., no “homework”).
  - Choosing a study from the plethora of options out there can be overwhelming! Reach out to the Groups team for help narrowing things down at [groups@acfellowship.org](mailto:groups@acfellowship.org).
  - **See the list of Free Resources for Bible Study Curriculum.**
  - If you need help purchasing videos/DVDs for a Bible study, the Groups team can buy them for you.
  - Group members can buy their own study booklets (if applicable) or ACFgroups can place a group order to be reimbursed when monies are collected.