

# LEADING A BIBLE STUDY

The following method for Bible study has been found to be useful in leading others to study the Bible for themselves. It is not the only way to study, but is a good way that works well for all ages of school children and adults.

**Scripture Passage:** Begin by reading the passage to be studied. If time permits, read it again.

## **Question 1: What is this passage about?**

- ❑ Write down the facts or content of the passage. For example: Who are the people, if any? What are they doing? Where does it take place? When? etc.
- ❑ Try to write a brief sentence summarizing the content of the passage.

## **Question 2: What do I learn from this passage?**

- ❑ Ask yourself questions like the following:
  1. Is there a warning, a command, a promise?
  2. Is there an example to follow or an example not to follow?
  3. What is the main truth of this passage?
  4. Is there a lesson or principle that is a universal truth?
  5. Why is this passage in Scripture? Why did God put it in the Bible?
  6. What does this passage reveal about the character of God? (His attributes, ways of relating to people, emotions, His views about something, reasons to love Him more, etc.)
  7. Are there specific things for which to pray?
  8. Is there a new thought to me? An encouraging thought? etc.

(Note: Not all of the above things will be in every passage you study. You may have other questions that come to your mind as you read. These are only suggestions to get you started.)

{GET SPECIFIC. Example: "How is faith revealed by the woman who touched Jesus?" instead of "What did you learn?"}

## **Question 3: How can I apply what I learned to my life?**

- ❑ Can you think of a current situation in your personal life, home life, church, or business which is similar to what you learned?
- ❑ In that situation ask yourself a personal question that demands action, e.g., NOT "Will I spend more time in God's Word?" BUT "How (or when) can I set aside time to study God's Word?"
- ❑ Write the answer to your question(s), e.g., "By setting aside the time from 8:30-9:00 am daily to read one passage (chapter, section, etc.) of Scripture and to write out the facts, lessons, and practical applications I discover there."
- ❑ Begin to do what you answered above.