

GROUP LIFE LEADERS

CHOOSING YOUR NEXT STUDY

The mission for every small group at Ada Bible Church is to create disciples in relational environments. As your group considers what to study next, remember the three primary focuses for a small group as they become better Jesus-followers.

SHARE LIFE building healthy relationships

PURSUE GOD helping one another take a next step toward Christ

INVEST IN OTHERS extending Christ's love beyond our small group

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- **Be mindful of studies longer than six weeks.** Groups tend to tire of long book studies or series, and you can lose momentum if you bite off too much.
- **Homework or no homework?** You have to know your group. Homework may cause stress if not everyone is on board. However, it can be impactful if your group is excited and willing.
- **What is your group interested in or passionate about?** Ask them. They might say something like prayer, worship, fasting, emotions, church history, the Old Testament, doctrine, lifestyle, spiritual gifts, family raising, mental health, etc. In the end, keep Scripture at the center.
- **What does your group need?** Think back to previous struggles and prayer requests. This question may be just as important as what the group is interested in.
- **What about studying a book of the Bible?** Studying or reading through a book of the Bible together (just maybe don't start with Revelation) is always a good idea. A study of the book of the Bible Ada Bible is teaching in weekend services can be a great option.
- **Make the decision.** It's good for you to lead your group through picking a study. You certainly don't want to dominate the group, but people typically respect and appreciate when you lead your group in deciding what to study next.

Whatever you study, remember the goal is to grow in faith as you learn to follow Jesus better. It's essential to always be in prayer regarding the material you work through as a group. Invite your group into the conversation and ask them lots of questions to help narrow down the scope of what you might study next.

REACH OUT TO STAFF CONTACT

We hope you find these tips helpful when choosing your next study. Please contact your staff for more specific tips for your group. They are there to help and eager to assist you.