

## BUILDING A BIBLE STUDY Philosophical Foundations

Every believer should know how to prepare a Bible study.

Almost everyone is eventually asked to lead a Bible study, Sunday School class, bridal or baby shower, AWANA counsel time or be a camp or retreat speaker. **Where does one start?**

9 weeks "How to Build a Bible Study"

[Psalm 139]

Purpose of leading a study:

Not to communicate a preconception of our own Not to showboat gifts, spirituality or creativity

Not to persuade people to change ideas or behavior \*We seek to convey God's word to the human soul.

1. How do you choose an appropriate topic?

What is the context of this occasion? What is this audience lacking?

What are the basic tools they need to grow in faith?

2. How do you choose a scripture for a topical study without proof~texting ideas you want to support?

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Start with Scripture!!!! Select a paragraph or chapter with good context to avoid a one or two verse approach.

PRAY!

Give the Spirit of God time to reveal His truth and convict you first. Compare your text to other cross-references