

## **Guide lines for Bible Studies**

“Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest.” (9T p.126) Personal Bible study is one of the most effective ways to develop an interest for the Bible. So how do you make a Bible study?

### **Purpose:**

- a) Inform the intellect (Acts 8:30)
- b) Touch the emotions (Acts 24:25, Luke 24:32)
- c) Affect the will to make a decision (Acts 18:4, Isa 1:18)

### **Structure:**

- a) Prayer
  - short
  - to the point
  - personal
- b) Introduction
  - tell them what you are going to tell them
- c) Study
  - simple & logical
  - be enthusiastic
  - apply into the practical life
- d) APPEAL/conclusion
  - specific and straight question
  - be quiet after the question is asked
  - avoid small talking after the decision is made, since it can ruin the atmosphere of conviction.

**Time:** Keep Bible studies short: 35-60 minutes.

**Place:** Sit rather by the kitchen table than in the TV-couch, due to better study environment.

### **To think about**

- Smalltalk before the study (max 5 min), not after.
- Do not pretend as if you know. If you don't have the answer to a question, say it! Say: "I actually don't know, but I can look it up until next time we meet" (Do it too)
- DNA – Do Not Argue! Arguing here means to emotionally meet a counterargument to prove that you are right. This results in greater resistance from that persons side. Help them rather lovingly to humbly investigate God's will from the Bible. And pray!
- Go two by two so one can fill in if the other one is busy. (Mark 6:7, Ecc 4:9, 10)
- Leave review material. Let your prayer partner write down the texts during the study.
- Be a good listener, EAR – Expression (on your face). Attention, give them your attention. Response, give fitting responses to what they are saying.
- Keep a positive attitude. Don't take anything for granted. Do not be shocked! No matter what the person says/does. Sometimes your study contacts can express rebellion just to test your reactions.
- Tithes your information (Isa 30:24).
- Make Christ the centre of every study.