

FIVE GREAT QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS

One of your key roles as a Growth Group Host is facilitating discussion at your meetings. You will be empowering others to discover the truth of Scripture for themselves and one of the ways you're going to do this is by asking great questions. Try not to turn your discussion time into a lecture. Your goal as a Growth Group Host is to help group members engage in meaningful dialogue with one another.

LAUNCHING QUESTIONS

These questions are intended to get discussion started, focusing the group members' attention on a certain topic.

*What role did the Bible have in your childhood home?
When have you experienced forgiveness? What was it like?*

OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

They seek to clarify what the text says. They ask group members simply to look to the text for the answer. These don't often generate a lot of discussion, so some leaders will want to skip over them. Realize, though, that these questions allow group members to answer—because the answer is right in the text.

*In these verses, what does Paul say is necessary for salvation?
What Old Testament characters are mentioned in this passage from Hebrews?*

INTERPRETATION QUESTIONS

These questions ask "How?", "Why?", or "What do you think?" They require group members to consider the meaning of the text, using their own experiences and perspectives.

*Why do you think Jesus said that to Peter?
What does it mean to "bear one another's burdens"?*

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

These questions seek to make the transition between our understanding of what the text says and its implications for our lives—they transition from interpretation questions to application questions.

*What might it look like to care for orphans and widows today?
If Jesus talked so much about money, why do we talk about it so infrequently?*

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions help group members take what they've learned and apply it on a personal level. Having discovered the life-changing principles in the text, group members consider what their response will be.

*What changes will you make this week as a result of our discussion on the Good Samaritan?
What one spiritual discipline will you commit to this month? When will you practice this discipline?*