

5 | GROUP PRAYER

Rather than going around the group and sharing prayer requests, you might consider simply bowing your heads and taking turns praying for the things on your heart or that the Holy Spirit brings to mind.

NEXT STEPS AFTER GROUP

1 | SCRIPTURE FOCUSED

• Verse to Memorize: _____

• Other Passages to Read: _____

2 | PRAYER FOCUSED

- How can you pray for people in your group this week?
- Is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about something you need to repent of and turn over to Jesus?
- How are you going to respond to this truth and put it into action?

3 | OTHERS FOCUSED

- Did anyone in your group share a need that you might be gifted to help with?
- Consider inviting a friend from group to meet up for a meal or a hang out time.
- Is the Holy Spirit bringing someone to mind with whom you can share the things you've learned today?

GROUPS

STUDY GUIDE

Why Would I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

Reading, thinking, and praying about the primary passage your Lighthouse Group is studying ahead of time may be one of the most pivotal ways to make your Lighthouse Group discussions powerful and meaningful. When you do prepare beforehand, you're coming with thoughtful insights and ideas you've been wrestling through. That's different from grabbing at the most accessible thoughts in real time.

How Do I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

1 | PRAY

Ask God to open your eyes, mind, and spirit to His truth. Your desire is not to "get the right answer," but rather to know Him as He has revealed Himself so that you can trust and rely on Him more fully.

2 | READ

Read the main passage. Consider reading the same passage in multiple versions, like ESV, NIV, AMP, and NLT. All of these can be found at BibleGateway.com. For better context, read the paragraphs before and after the study passage as well.

3 | REFLECT

What does this passage teach you about God? Maybe something to praise Him for? Does this passage reveal an area of your life you should confess as sin to God? What does this passage lead you to ask God for? How does this passage point to Jesus work on the cross and out of the grave?

Think through some of the questions you'll be discussing during your Lighthouse Group time.

4 | WRITE

This is when you cross over from reading into study - writing down truth that you are discovering. Write down questions that come to mind as you are reading.

We've included space on the next page of this guide for you to write down insights, questions, and more that you can bring up in your Lighthouse Group discussion time.

PREP BEFORE GROUP

PRIMARY PASSAGE: Deuteronomy 32:3-6

WRITE YOUR INSIGHTS & QUESTIONS HERE:

ADDITIONAL CROSS-REFERENCES: Exodus 33:1-6; Psalm 5:4-7; 22:3-5; Isaiah 6:1-7; Romans 6:23; Hebrews 3:16-19; 12:14; 2 Peter 3:9

DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of: January 20-26

1 | **PRAY:** Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your group in truth and spiritual growth.

2 | **READ Deuteronomy 32:3-6**

One volunteer reads the passage in the ESV or NIV. Another volunteer reads the passage in AMP or NLT.

3 | **CONSIDER SITUATIONAL/HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

Throughout scripture we see examples of how stubbornly sinful mankind is, and how faithfully loving, just and holy God is. This passage is a small portion of a song that God gave to Moses, instructing him to teach it to all the Israelites so that when Moses died and the Israelites inevitably rebelled against God, this song would remind them of who God is compared to who they are, and it would stand “as a witness against them”.

It would be easy to look at this and think God is being mean. Why would he continue to allow suffering, rebellion and punishment for centuries before finally bringing His son Jesus into the world? But God is incredibly patient (2 Peter 3:9), and He knew from the beginning that we are so stubborn and prideful in our sin that He would literally have to walk through history with us, watching us explore and fail at every other attempt to be redeemed before we would finally admit our need for Jesus. Reflect on the kindness and care of God, that He would give this song to the Israelites.

4 | **DISCUSSION**

CONTENT QUESTIONS

1. How is God described in this passage?
2. How are the people described?
3. What reminders is God giving the people in verse 6?

TRUTH QUESTIONS

1. How is God glorious?
2. Why did God create mankind?
3. What is sin and how does God reveal our sin to us?

APPLICATION/PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. Where in Scripture have you seen God’s holiness with clarity?
2. Ask God to search your heart: does He have all of your affection?
3. What in your life may change as you become more like Jesus?