



Facilitating a Growth Group

**“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...” II Peter
3:18**

Reading and discussing the Bible or a Christian book provides the opportunity to grow in knowledge while connecting with like-minded Christians. As a facilitator of a Book Club, or Growth Group, in addition to determining the logistics (what book, who, where, when), it is also important that you structure the discussion, keep it going, ensure that it is engaging, and provide guidance and support so that each participant benefits from the discussion.

- ❖ Ask questions that provoke thought such as “describe your reading experience?”
- ❖ Discuss aspects of the book such as language, narrative voice, character development, plot development, author’s vision/intent, mood and setting, etc.
- ❖ Have participants come prepared to share 2-3 passages that moved them, have them read the passages out loud and then share why and how the passage moved them.
- ❖ If the book has a discussion guide, use the guide to lead your discussion.
- ❖ Highlight provocative or controversial passages or themes from the book and lead a discussion around those topics.
- ❖ Find ways to make real-life and personal connections to the storyline, the characters, or the topic being discussed.
- ❖ Ensure that the participants leave with actionable commitments, always promoting change and life transformation.