

# Seeker Group Philosophy

I. White box

II. Perceived need

III. Common journey

IV. Prophet without honor

V. Expert

VI. Not always right but never uncertain

VII. Sow broadly

VIII. SW SW SW

IX. Feel, felt, found

X. Borrowed relationship

XI. Low hanging fruit

## **Working With Seekers**

### **I Cor. 3:2, John 4:19-24**

- I. Avoid talking about church – early
- II. Assume nothing – i.e. salvation, knowledge
- III. Avoid common Christian terms – i.e. saved, born again
- IV. Introduce terms slowly – i.e. connect with God
- V. Dumb down answers to questions – i.e. evolution
- VI. Don't fast forward
- VII. Ask believers privately not to contribute
- VIII. Accept prayer requests – culture
- IX. Don't dwell on non-essentials – i.e. infant baptism
- X. Don't make Biblical references without background
- XI. Don't force "your" pace
- XII. Don't advance controversial ideas – i.e. tongues, lose salvation
- XIII. Don't pick on a religion – pick on them all
- XIV. Coach host in all of these points
- XV. Expect controversy
- XVI. Field left field questions
- XVII. Build trust and relationships
- XVIII. Don't be shocked when sinners, sin

Meeting at xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

618 ABC St, 555-1212

# Bible Discovery

Monday March 3, 7 P.M.

Come discover how God wants to bless you in your life and family!

Bill Blount will lead this Bible Discovery session.

Bill Blount spent 22 years in the United States Navy as a supply officer achieving the rank of Commander. While on active duty, Bill did tours in Hawaii and Japan experiencing several different cultural world views. While stationed on a submarine, he had the unique opportunity of being on a cruise to the North Pole.

After being discharged from the military Bill became a high school math teacher and the department head of the Bloomingdale High School math department. Bill holds a Bachelor of Science from North Carolina State University and Masters Degree from the University of Kansas.

On his spiritual journey, Bill was exposed to the Bible at a relatively young age. After learning how to make a connection to God through Jesus, Bill responded, becoming a follower of Jesus. He has lived his life trying to maintain a strong relationship with Jesus and His teachings.

As Bill loves to teach, he has become passionate about teaching others the way to God. Having experienced the love of God firsthand, Bill's heart's desire is to share that love with those he encounters. His diverse life experience makes him an interesting person under which to study the Bible.

# Host and Hostess Responsibility

The **MOST** important thing in this entire process is coaching the host or hostess. If this is not done right the whole thing can stop here. It must be first determined, how much approval is needed for a Bible study in the workplace.

## ▪ Logistics

- \* Would you like to do this study at work or in another location?
- Where will the Bible study take place? Need for privacy.
- When? During lunch? How will you deal with the lunch meal?
- How often? Suggest once a month at first, then let the group itself decide if they want to meet more often.
- Pick a time and stick to it.

## ▪ Tacit approval

- Normal company protocol should be observed.
- Does host need permission to have a guest in the building?
- Does host need permission to have the study in the office? If so, tacit approval should be sought. Example of asking for tacit approval, “Some of us are gathering at lunchtime to read the Bible together, you don’t care do you?”

## ▪ Inviting people

- All host has to do is invite
- Invite broadly (~2-3 out of 10 you invite will come)
- Invite people in person. Face to face works much better than a mass email.
- Don’t assume who will or will not come
- Make it special. Don’t leave flyers around, only show one.
- The people invited should be put at ease about not being embarrassed, put on the spot, asked any questions, asked to read out loud, or anything else that would cause any embarrassment at all. Great care should be taken to insure a safe environment.
- Host should expect that people will drop out and not be discouraged by it
- Be careful inviting other believers. Everyone has an agenda. We have taken care to not be divisive in the lessons, ie teaching controversial doctrine.

## ▪ Prepare a flyer (don’t leave this with them)

- A flyer should accompany the invitation to the meeting discussing the “special” attributes of the meeting. The time and place should be made clear about the meeting.

## ▪ Regular reminders

- Prior to each meeting, sufficient notice should be given to each participant about the meeting, as well as the day of the meeting.

- **Lunch**
  - If the meeting is during lunch, some provision should be made to accommodate the meeting during lunch.
  
- **Enlist prayer advocates**
  - The host or group leader should be encouraged to enlist people in the church to pray for the Bible study group being held in their place of business. This will accomplish three things; first, it will invoke the power and presence of God in the lives of the attendees, second, it will place a burden on the person praying to perhaps have a Bible study in *their* place of business, third, it will create an excitement in the church about outreach. The only prayer request handed down by Jesus is to “pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into the harvest.” Our advocate or host should solicit prayer. Perhaps there are other believers at work. That would also be a good resource for prayer, for the same reasons.
  
- **Maintain relationship with host**
  - Continually encourage host. Remember satanic attacks will also affect them.
  - Mentor host so that he/she will start another group of their own

## Invitation Script

“As you may know, I am trying to follow the teachings of Jesus. I have been trying to live my life in such a way that I will enjoy the blessings of God. This man/lady has agreed to help me along my journey. It occurs to me that you may also have a desire for God’s best in your life. (The teacher) has agreed to allow others to sit in on our sessions. I would like to give you a personal invitation to join us.”