

## Group Format

Welcome to our Bible experience group. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I will be your facilitator tonight.

Our primary purpose is to do more of what the Bible says, how to become more aligned with God's character, and live more as Jesus.

I've asked \_\_\_\_\_ to read "Inward Authority Principles."

I've asked \_\_\_\_\_ to read "Share Experience."

Would anyone like to share their spiritual growth experience related to the principles from this past week?

The Bible and the spirit within us can be the best and most reliable teachers. We will be reading from a Biblical concordance study to help us learn how the Bible describes God's character and how to apply it.

Let's keep our sharing to the material provided. Please avoid getting into third party materials or other's theology. We ought to share from our own spiritual experience. Please respect the time so everyone has a chance to share. We will end reading and discussing at \_\_\_\_\_. Today we are studying \_\_\_\_\_.

It's now \_\_\_\_ (end time). We encourage you to connect with others during the week to discuss experiential learning. Let's remember to shift our thoughts from fear to faith, resentment to forgiveness, selfish-ambition to love and service, hurry to patience, lies to truth, and selfish pride to humility.

And now \_\_\_\_\_ will close with a brief prayer. (optional, focused on growth)

### **Notes for facilitator**

(Begin and end on time. The group facilitator can redirect others gently based upon needs to help keep the group focused on growing with God. Patiently remind the group as needed to keep discussions around personal experience, the Bible, and growth with God, not to give advice, not to recommend other materials, and to respect time when sharing. Invite others to connect with each other for questions and other discussions between meetings.)

Redirecting questions: What's a solution for you with that? What character trait can you use with that? How does that help you improve and grow with God?