

Open Small Group Discussion Guide - Outline B

From time to time there either may not be a discussion outline available or the one available is not fitting to your group this particular week. That is okay! As a leader you are free to lead your group as you sense the Holy Spirit would lead you. But be careful to not get into the habit of “winging it” or becoming lazy in your preparations. Jesus calls you to effectively lead your group under His Lordship and Leadership. You are the shepherd of this group, under the Great Shepherd.

Following are a number of outlines that you may find helpful. Feel free to print out this paper and have it ready in your files. There is no copyright here, enjoy. 😊

Outline for Reflection then Sharing: give time for each participant to write down their thots. At the end is a blank outline that you could print out for each person. Note: this is also a great outline for how to write a journal as you can change the questions to reflect on daily.

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Scripture Reading: choose a Psalm or one of the Gospels

ACTS: write out your prayers, a paragraph or two for each.

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2. Identifying one of God’s attributes
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Confession: this is my response to God’s holiness and my sin. (1 John 1:9; Psalm 66:18-20). Is there a sin (probably) that I need to confess to God? Then reflect on the promise in Psalm 103:12. In the sharing time, if appropriate, share this and ask for prayer.

Thankfulness: looking for the gifts of God. (Psalm 116:12-14; 1 Thess. 5:18)

- **Today:** what am I thankful for this past week? Psalm 118:24
- **Help:** how God helped me this past week? Psalm 63:7
- **Answer:** what is one answered prayer? Psalm 86:5-7
- **New:** anticipated new experience for this coming week, or last week? Isiah 43:19
- **Kind Person:** who was kind to me this past week, and how? 1 Cor. 13:4-8
- **Saying:** what is God saying to me. John 10:27-29; Psalm 28:9

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