

## **Examine the Bible Together: *Good Questions to Ask in a Small Group***

### **General Bible study questions**

These questions can help you better understand the word and help it come alive in you.

- What do you think is the key message of this chapter? Explain why you think this.
- What did you learn from this chapter?
- Which point in this chapter spoke to you the most? How did it affect you?
- Why do you think God included this chapter in the Bible? What's the point?
- What was the context? What was going on at the time it was written?
- Do any of these truths written thousands of years ago apply today? If so, which ones? How do they apply?
- Are there truths in this chapter that contradict the ideas we hear in the world? If so, what are they?
- Is there something in this chapter that surprised you? If so, how were you surprised?
- Are there any verses in this chapter that confuse you or that seem to contradict other parts of the Bible?
- In view of what we have read, what changes do you think God would want you to make in your attitude, words, or actions?

### **“What is one passage” Bible study questions**

These questions for Bible studies address the same issues, but come at them from a slightly different angle.

- What is one passage that encourages you? How does it encourage you?
- What is one passage that inspires you? How does it inspire you?
- What is one passage that convicts you of sin? How does it convict you?
- What is one passage that challenges you to change? How does it challenge you?

### **“Who/what/when/where/why” Bible study questions**

These Bible study questions are adapted from ideas a friend shared with me.

- Who wrote this passage?
- What is the message of this passage?
- When was it written?
- Where was it written?
- Why was it written? (What was the purpose?)

Also ask:

- How does this passage relate to passages that are before or after it?
- How can I apply the message to my life?