

Bible Discussion Testimonies- Young Couples' Group in Nebraska

- On the difference coming from a study guide driven Bible study:

"For me it's been quite enlightening, I'm reading a lot I've never read before. It's much more engaging with it being self-driven. There is more initiative, because people are hungry for knowledge in scripture. But I don't think people know how, so they look for the right study guide or devotional to fit. But there's a disconnect because those guides won't click with everyone. Whereas if you're just literally reading the scripture, that's what it is. The basic-ness of it allows it to fit each person and they share what they see." Kari

"With the study guides, there's a lot of going through the motions - you look at the questions, look up answers, you don't dig deep, and you move on to the next question. Actually reading the Bible, I'm wanting to dig deeper and do more study outside of our group time." Nikki

"In a typical study with a study guide you read through a passage to get to the questions, and then you just answer them. When you actually read just the Bible, you can stop and reflect without having the shadow of a predetermined question to answer at the end of a passage." Eric

"I find that I'm reviewing what we've read for the next couple of weeks until we meet again, instead of reading ahead to make sure I'm 'caught up' and can discuss the study guide questions. I'm actually so much more engaged in what we're reading that it takes me that extra time to review what we've read since we're really exploring the text. There's no time limit or schedule for a particular passage, you just open your Bible and read. It's such a simple concept, just read the Bible, that it seems too good to be true. What am I missing? There must be a catch..." Zach