

HOW DO I START A BIBLE STUDY?

You're probably thinking, "How do I start a Bible study?" "What if no one joins and everyone thinks I'm weird?" "Who do I even ask?" Well, you're in the right place. Follow these five simple steps, and you'll be well on your way!

1. PRAY. Just *talk* to God. Tell Him what's on your mind. Tell Him you want to study His word, and you want to do it with others, but you don't know how. But most importantly, *be honest*. So many people want to know "exactly how to pray," as if it's some grandiose display of words; *it isn't*. It's just you, talking to God. Just a daughter or son talking to their (heavenly) Father.

2. MAKE A LIST. Write out the names of everyone you have in mind who you think should join the Bible study. *Do not overthink this*. Of course, not everyone is going to want to join. *This is normal*. Your list shouldn't take more than five or ten minutes to create.

3. CONTACT THEM. You have the list, now get in touch with everyone on it. This can be through text, email, in person, or whatever. Tell them that you're interested in starting a Bible study, but you don't really know what it'll look like. More people will say yes than you might think. Many people want to do this sort of thing; they're just waiting for someone to step out and raise the idea.

4. SET A PLAN. The easiest way to make a solid plan for what you want to cover (to start, at least) is to just have a meeting with the people in your Bible study. Ask them for ideas. Tell them what *you* have in mind, if anything. A good way to start is to just pick a book of the Bible, stick to it, and go through a couple chapters (depending on people's schedules and opinions). It'll get easier once you do it for a few weeks.

5. KEEP DOING IT. Honestly, it doesn't matter so much *what* exactly you're studying (as long as it's the Bible, of course) and how you're studying it, as long as you keep up the habit. Reading God's word and meditating on what it says is a sure-fire way to build a deeper relationship with Him, and simply getting a better understanding of what Scripture says.

Stick to these five steps for a start, until you get your feet firmly planted under you. But what happens when you've done this, and your study is thriving? You are Queens For the Cross, and you're wanting more? What then? *Make more*. *Queens* is just our way of saying "female disciples." Thousands of women *need* to hear the Word of God, so they can be saved. You're armed with the Holy Spirit and knowledge of Scripture, and it's time for you to go out into the world and start "planting the seeds," so God can make more disciples. A good way to start is to (if applicable) have every Queen in your Bible start their *own* Bible studies, and so forth. What're you waiting for? You are a beautiful, powerful, daughter of Christ. So straighten that crown; we've got work to do.