

Rewired: Advance Truth

Small Group Bible Studies

Him.Men.Neutics: Leading Men to Interpret the Bible

With Owen Nease

Session One: Ready: Identifying the Importance of Hermeneutics

Instructions to Leader: Use this guide for group discussion after watching the session video. After each question, allow time for answers. At times it may be useful for you to share your own story to initiate meaningful discussion.

Core Truth: Interpreting the Bible involves spiritual and strategic preparation.

Focal Passage: Acts 8:26-40

Session Video Outline:

1. Defining and Understanding Hermeneutics
 2. Spiritual Preparation for Studying Scripture
 3. Strategic Preparation for Studying Scripture
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Guiding Questions:

1. Which teachers and/or which resources have most impacted your personal study of Scripture? Why?
2. Which factors do you think hinder guys from studying Scripture? How can we overcome these factors?
3. Of the factors for strategic preparation (plan, resources, tools), which do you most need to focus on?

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Session Two: Set: Immersing Yourself in Him.Men.Neutics

Instructions to Leader: Use this guide for group discussion after watching the session video. After each question, allow time for answers. At times it may be useful for you to share your own story to initiate meaningful discussion.

Core Truth: Interpreting the Bible involves an understanding of the Bible's theology, literature, and history.

Focal Passage: 2 Timothy 2:15

Session Video Outline:

1. Theology- Reading the Bible as One Book
 2. Literature- Reading the Bible as Genre and Grammar
 3. History- Reading the Bible in Context
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Guiding Questions:

1. If you had to pick out a Top 10 list of stories and/or passages to share the Bible's message, which would you pick out and why?
2. To which "genre" of Scripture are you most drawn? We all tend to enjoy or feel more comfortable with certain areas of Scripture. Why do you think you prefer this genre?
3. When you think about the Bible's history and society, what are some of the key differences between that world and our world today? What are some of the key similarities—how is our world and society similar to the times/places of the Bible?

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Session Three: Go: Sharing the Results of Bible Study

Instructions to Leader: Use this guide for group discussion after watching the session video. After each question, allow time for answers. At times it may be useful for you to share your own story to initiate meaningful discussion.

Core Truth: Interpreting the Bible involves wrestling with and sharing God's Word.

Focal Passage: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Ezra 7:10

Session Video Outline:

1. Word Studies: Understanding the Small Pieces in the Big Puzzle
 2. Impact: Wrestling with the Purpose of the Pieces
 3. Sharing: Teaching and Putting into Practice God's Word
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Guiding Questions:

1. When you think about major themes and words in the Bible, which ones would you most like to research? Why?
2. What passages or topics in the Bible are the hardest/most confusing in your opinion? What are some key questions or research that you would need to explore in order to deal with these passages?
3. How are you currently sharing God's Word with others? If you're not currently teaching, what are some practical ways you can begin sharing your study of God's Word with others?

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Session Four: The Action Plan

Instructions to Leader: Use this final session to guide men to develop their action plan. These are steps they must take to apply the truths they discovered in the first three sessions.

1. Review the past 3 sessions by asking the following discussion questions. Allow for men to answer.
 - a. Have you developed a “Game Plan” to study Scripture? What is that game plan? (Acts 8:26-40) – Session One
 - b. How will you begin incorporating theology, literature, and history into your study of Scripture? (2 Timothy 2:15) – Session Two
 - c. Share a recent truth or action-step they drew from a Bible study you’ve had? (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Ezra 7:10) – Session Three
2. Continue discussion with the following questions.
 - a. What three things do you need to focus on now?
 - b. What are your next steps: today, tomorrow & beyond?
3. End in prayer asking them men for ways you can pray and encourage them. Encourage them men to pray and encourage each other as they continue on their journey of sharing God’s Word with others.