

Ideas

- Begin with brainstorming definitions of the subject – what does faith mean to you? – or devise a short questionnaire on the topic
- Have pens and paper ready to use. Encourage note taking.
- Work in 2s and 3s and feedback to the rest of the group
- Be ready to respond to what God is saying
- Be open to the prophetic. Don't be surprised if non-Christians are hearing from God and responding
- End with a few moments of reflection so people can write a summary of the key points, challenges and the changes they need to make
- Give out one or two key verses at the end that sum up the Word for people to go away with, meditate on and learn
- Activate scriptures by praying them out loud into each other's lives, (e.g. Numbers 6: 24-26; Eph 1: 13, 14, 17, 18; 3: 16-19; 6: 10-17)
- Use questions to get people talking. Use observation and interpretation questions to get people to understand the bible and action and reflective questions to facilitate life change.

Word

(40 mins)

Purpose

To allow the Holy Spirit to teach us through the Word and the gifts in the group, applying truth to individual's lives so that they grow. Let it be an application of the Word that is 1) personal, 2) specific and 3) practical.

If you are leading this part make sure you facilitate a discussion and not do a 40 minute preach.

In order to prepare make sure that you have read through and understood the material, looked up the scriptures, decided which one's to use and know how you are going to lead the discussion.

The more interactive and creative you can be, the better. Make it visual, photos, books, handouts, illustrations

The main thing is to get a discussion going and this is more likely to happen if you break down into smaller groups.

End by making it practical, showing what it means to us here and now.