

## HOW TO USE THE DISCUSSION GUIDES

This series is designed to be used with groups ranging in size from 2-10 people. For each episode in the series, there is a discussion guide that leaders should use to maximize the learning experience.

Each discussion guide starts with the **BEFORE YOU BEGIN** section. This highlights the main points you want your people to understand and live from. Discussion leaders should get familiar with these *prior* to meeting with their group.

The next section of each discussion guide is called **EXPLORING THE STORY** and gives guidance for how leaders should run the group meeting by following the three-thirds approach:

◀ **Look Back** – welcome, opening prayer, and vision casting

▲ **Look Up** – explore this week’s episode

▶ **Look Ahead** – clarify implications and applications

Following the three-thirds process is important because it helps people:

- 1) Connect with each other
- 2) Connect with the message of the Bible
- 3) Connect the truth of the Bible to the way they think and live

Make sure you follow the three-thirds process as you guide people through each session.

In each discussion guide you will also see places where the quotation mark symbol appears “ . These places give you a suggestion of what to say as you are leading your group. Don’t feel like you have to read these word-for-word! They are there to guide, not limit you.

