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To get the most out of this book...

These studies are generic - each week it's the same pattern which is based on a tool that people have used for generations to go deeper into God's Word.

So to get the most out of these studies:

1. **Read the text out loud, then re-read it personally, then re-read it again.** As you do you'll start to see the richness of God's word and more and more things jump out at you.
2. **If you have questions - ask them!** Everyone has questions - and growth group is the space to ask your questions.
3. **See this model as a tool to read the Bible 1 to 1 with someone.** You can take this pattern of reading and do it with anyone in any book of the Bible.
4. **When you think you've got all the answers and finished - re-read it again.** Life's journey is continually going deeper in God's Word - and we'll never stop finding the riches of the Bible.
5. **Use the prayer guide to help shape your prayers for each other.** This helps us think through our wholehearted devotion to God, our loving relationships, the application of the study, the mission we're on and any big or small things going on in our life. It's also a great way to learn to pray if you've never prayed before.

Things I want to remember from
Sunday's sermon...

Study 1: The Truth Is...

Kick-off question:

What's the nicest thing someone has done for you recently?
Describe the feeling it provoked in you.

Read: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Spend 10 minutes thinking through the following questions individually (you might need to read the passage a few times)



What stands out to you?



What questions do you have?



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What's the heart of the passage? Can you sum it up in one sentence?



What's the application for the original audience?
What difference will this make for you this week?

Gather together and share your answers to those questions

Prayer

In your prayer groups, answer the following questions first by yourself then share with your group:

How has God been at work in your life this week?

How is your faith going?

(answers could be: distant, close, intimate, I have doubts, I want more, I'm feeling numb etc... and explore that)

What struck you from tonight?

What can we pray for the people you're on mission to?

Is there anything else in your life you want prayer for?

Study 2: Are you impressed?

Kick-off question:

What was the attraction for you when you first put your trust in Jesus and became a Christian?

Read: 1 Corinthians 1:10-2:5

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Study 3: Who are you listening to?

Kick-off question:

Have you ever wondered why God is so hard to understand? Where do you turn to try to understand Him?

Read: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

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Study 4: Who are you following?

Kick-off question:

We all need role models. Have you had a Christian role model who you could look up to? What were their strengths? Did they have any weaknesses?

Read: 1 Corinthians 3:1-4:1

Spend 10 minutes thinking through the following questions individually (you might need to read the passage a few times)



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Study 5: Christianity, does it work?

Kick-off question:

How would you define what success looks like for a Christian?

Read: 1 Corinthians 4:2-21

Spend 10 minutes thinking through the following questions individually (you might need to read the passage a few times)



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