

## Chapter 2 – Studying the Bible Prayerfully and Obediently

Remember: teach what you learn and share life, not just information.

### Coaching Conversations:

An intentional leader should always be observing his or her group members to identify people who show potential for leadership. As you begin to identify those people, look for ways that they can help you as you lead your group. You might even consider asking one of those individuals to actually lead your group time. If you do, make sure you find time to help that person prepare outside of your group time. Bring them alongside you so they can see how you lead, but allow them the freedom to lead through their own unique personality and giftings. If you're not sure how to help others lead, we can help you with that! Feel free to ask your staff contact or connect with other seasoned group leaders for suggestions.

### Starting the Conversation:

As you begin your study, ask your group members to share what they think is the most difficult aspect of studying the Bible. Share your answer first and then take note of your group member's responses. Their answers may give you clarity on how to approach the final chapters.

### Additional Questions Related to Lon's Message:

1. How does examining the many prophecies about Jesus that have been completely fulfilled give you a confidence that the Bible is truly a trustworthy book?
2. What are some ways that you've seen scripture transform your life? What specific passages has the LORD used in your life to transform your heart and mind?

### Continuing the Conversation (optional):

- **Read Prayerfully** – Prayer is the foundation to devotion and obedience in Bible study (pg. 112-114). If you've never prayed through scripture, start with verses such as Psalm 119: 18, 27, 33-40, 66, 108, 116, 124, 133-135, 149, 169-176. You can also check out Howard Hendrick's article entitled "Read Prayerfully" for more suggestions on how to incorporate prayer in to Bible Study. This article can be found in the online resources page.
- **Bible Study Plans** – Without a consistent plan to approach our study of Scripture, we are more likely to fail than succeed. Check out this week's additional resource page for a few sample Bible reading plans to help you plan out your study time.
- **Additional Related Passages:** *More Prayers from Scripture: 1 Kings 3:6-9, Psalm 3-7, 13, 23, 25, 51, Matthew 6:9-13, John 17, Ephesians 3:14-21, Philippians 1:9-11, Colossians 1:9-17.*
- **Memory Verse:** *James 1:22-25*
- **How did it go?** Share some experiences from your group on our blog at the website below OR tweet about it using hash-tag #gomultiply

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