



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

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BOTTOM LINE

Context makes things clearer.

SCRIPTURE

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught (Luke 1:1-4 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students see a bigger picture for the Bible than just an old, boring book. And to begin encouraging them to approach it with some curiosity instead of dread.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—your students might bring up some questions about the Bible that you don't know the answer to. It's okay to say, "I don't know" to those questions. In those moments, model curiosity and consider researching the answer with your students.

Create meaningful conversation. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's your favorite book?
2. Which of these can you relate to best when it comes to the way you see the Bible . . .
 - It's difficult to understand.
 - It's weird.
 - It's too long.
 - It's about people who have been dead for a *really* long time
 - You hate reading *anything*.
 - You just let the adults at your church explain it to you and tell you what you need to hear.
3. If you had to define the word *context* in your own words, what would you say?
4. Why is it important to know context when it comes to reading the Bible?
5. Read Luke 1:1-4. As a doctor, why do you think Luke was so intentional to talk about the research he put into his writing?
6. What are some ways you can get clearer context for the passages and verses of the Bible you read?
7. What's one thing you wish you knew more about when it comes to the Bible?

TRY THIS

Leaders—challenge your students to look for answers to their answer to question 7 this week. And don't forget to start your *Group Text Bible Study* tomorrow morning with your students!