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### Dear Friends,

I'm so excited for you as you gather your friends with you around Scripture. Do you know why? Because I know this: God's Word changes lives. When women are in God's Word together in community lives are changed, families are changed, communities are changed, and, here at Love God Greatly, we pray nations are changed.

And that's exactly what is happening! God is moving mightily around the world through His Word and His people like never before. Now is an exciting time to be a part of what God is doing, as His Word is spread to the ends of the earth by women like you.

"Thank you for joining us in this incredible mission to help women all over the world know God and love Him. You are a blessing to the nations."

In the following pages, you will be equipped with ideas and suggestions and offered guidance on ways to lovingly facilitate your group. But know this first: you don't have to have all the answers. Your job is not to be able to answer every question that arises in your group. Your job is to point your group to Jesus. That's the goal: to help women love God greatly with their lives, one woman at a time.

You don't have to be perfect, and neither do they. Spread grace, truth, and love extravagantly, like confetti.

I'm so excited for you and the women God has placed in your group. Thank you for your obedience and desire to help women not only read God's Word but also live it out. God is using you powerfully. We are praying for you and cheering you on here at Love God Greatly! Thank you for joining us in this incredible mission to help women all over the world know God and love Him. You are a blessing to the nations.

Love God Greatly!

Angela Perritt FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and the son and the holy spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

# ABOUT Love god greatly



#### MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY ...

Love God Greatly is a non-profit ministry fighting biblical illiteracy in 40+ languages around the world through Bible studies and resources for women and kids.

We empower women, families, churches, missionaries, and ministries with valuable Scripture-rich content. We help women and children dig into the Bible together while forming local communities centered around God's Word.

We start with a simple Bible reading plan, but we don't stop there. We gather women in homes, coffee shops, local churches, and global online groups.

One of the most unique elements of Love God Greatly is our global community of women who study God's Word together in their heart languages. In fact, we have local and online groups all over the world.

Women are longing to find a community that will inspire and encourage them in their faith. That is why at Love God Greatly, we lovingly lock arms and unite women around the world for this one purpose: to help women learn to love God greatly with their lives one day at a time.

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#### AN URGENT NEED

Around the world, there is an urgent need for women's Bible studies in many languages. When you purchase Bible study journals and donate to Love God Greatly, your purchases and donations go directly to meeting this urgent need. Together, we are breaking down financial and language barriers as we fight biblical illiteracy through our translated Bible studies. Your donations, prayers, and purchases make our work possible.

Together, each of us has a role to play in providing these amazing resources to the world. *Your support fuels our mission and enables us to reach the nations* with God's Word in many languages, changing lives and eternities.

#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

At Love God Greatly, we fight biblical illiteracy around the world in over 40 languages by providing beautifully designed Bible study journals and resources that guide women to a greater understanding of God as they live out what they have learned in His Word.



#### **OUR VALUES**

#### CHRIST-CENTERED

Everything we do is grounded in the truth of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. What we do, we do for the glory of God. We measure our success by our ability to be and make disciples.

#### LOVE

We seek to love others as Christ has first loved us.

#### GRACE

We are completely dependent on the goodness and grace of God, and we eagerly extend it to others (Ephesians 2:8–9).

#### BIBLICALLY BASED

God's Word is our guide and authority in everything. We stand firm where it stands firm and remain flexible where it is flexible (2 Timothy 3:16).

#### COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY

We are intentionally involved in others' lives through accountable, encouraging relationships. We believe life change happens in the context of relationships. In clusters of caring people, women share and encourage each other toward spiritual growth (Hebrews 10:24–25).

#### AUTHENTICITY

We create a safe environment where women can bring their wrestling, their doubts, and their confessions to God and to others. We strive to help and support one another in any circumstance.

#### REACHING THE UNREACHED

We know lost people matter to God; therefore, they matter to us. Jesus came to seek and save the lost and has left us here, in part, to do the same. Our individual lives and ministry efforts should reflect this conviction (Luke 19:10).

#### TEAMWORK

We believe that, by unleashing our God-given gifts, we can make a greater impact in advancing God's Word around the world together than we can as individuals.

#### CHURCH-CENTERED

We believe in the local church. We are passionate about creating Bible studies and tools to serve the church, missionaries, and ministries as they serve women around the world.

#### SERVING OTHERS

We serve others because Jesus served us. We strive to follow His example of service to the lost and to those around us (Mark 10:42-45)

#### ENCOURAGEMENT

We know our words matter. That is why we are intentional in verbally building others up on our teams and in our branches (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:24–25).











#### **OUR CHARACTERISTICS**

**LOVING** We love our neighbors near and far.

**DRIVEN** We are driven for God's glory.

**ENCOURAGING** We encourage each other along the way.

GENEROUS We are generous with our time, talents, and resources.

#### OUR ACTIONS

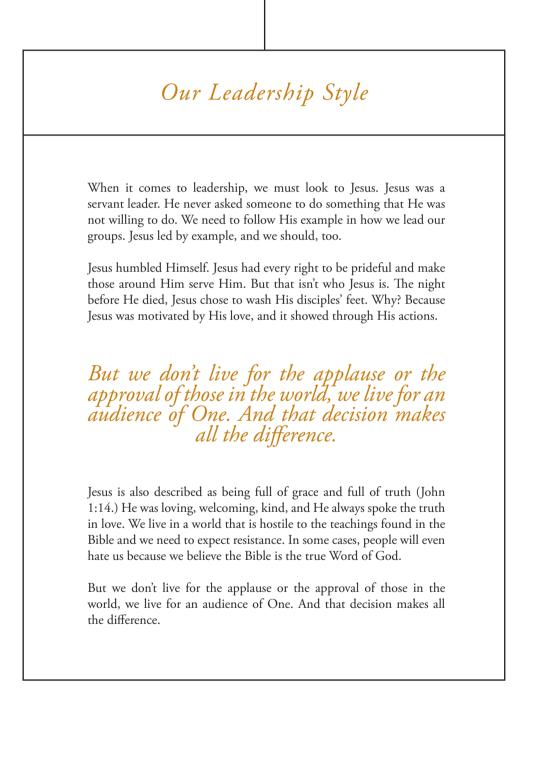
**WE INVEST** We are invested in our community by believing the best and being quick to forgive.

**WE GO THE EXTRA MILE** We always go above and beyond what is asked of us in order to bring God glory.

**WE BUILD UP** We are intentional about speaking words of encouragement to others.

**WE GIVE** We are faithful to give of ourselves, our time, our talents, and our resources.





### WE ARE NON-PROFIT AND DONOR FUNDED

Love God Greatly is a non-profit and donor-supported ministry. 100% of funds from Bible study purchases, online shop sales, and donations go directly toward the development of these translated Bible studies for women and children globally.

Each purchase and donation helps us translate and provide Bible studies to women who can not afford them, allowing us to offer hundreds of thousands of resources worldwide at little or no cost.

The mission of Love God Greatly is funded in three ways: proceeds from the sales of our Bible studies and other online store resources, and generous donations. The combined effort enables us to reach the nations with God's Word in many languages. Like Paul, who relied on both donations and financial support from his tent making business, we too rely on proceeds from our online shop, and donations from you to help us fulfill the urgent mission God has given us.

God often invites us into His incredible work and allows us to be a part of what He is doing by prompting us to donate or financially support a ministry.

Love God Greatly is dependent on every facilitator and Bible study participant giving what they can to support this mission. Without the support of women like you, Love God Greatly cannot provide these valuable studies in many languages around the world.

We ask that you donate what you can to help us reach more women around the world with God's Word. Each of us can do our part to fulfill the Great Commission.

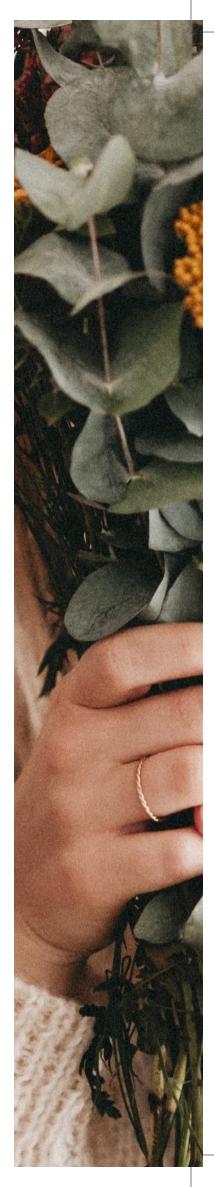
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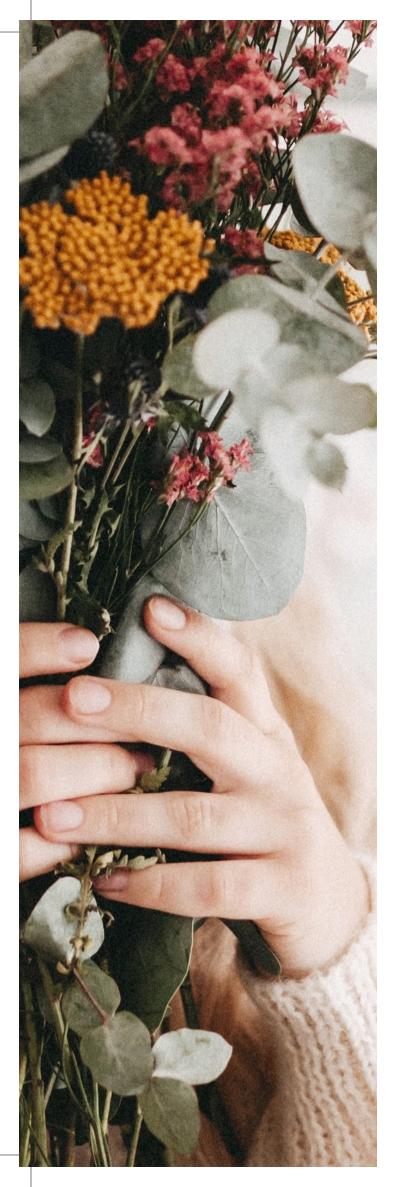
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BY STUDY PURCHASE lovegodgreatly.com

We believe salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, and that the Holy Spirit indwells believers, empowering them to live the Christian life. And we believe the church is made up of true believers from every tribe, tongue, and nation.





#### STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe the Bible is God's infallible Word. It is inspired by God and without error.
- We believe God is triune. He exists as one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in Jesus' deity, virgin birth, sinless humanity, atoning death on the cross, bodily resurrection, and ascension into heaven.
- We believe all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- We believe salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.
- We believe the Holy Spirit indwells believers, empowering them to live the Christian life.
- We believe Christ will return to judge the living and the dead.
- We believe in the resurrection of the body. God promises eternal life in heaven for those who are in Christ and eternal punishment for unbelievers in hell.
- We believe the church is made up of true believers from every tribe, tongue, and nation.
- We believe followers of Christ are commanded to tell others the Good News of the gospel.

## LOVE GOD GREATLY BIBLE STUDIES



#### LOVE GOD GREATLY BIBLE STUDIES

A Love God Greatly Bible study is a Bible study based on the SOAP method. It includes daily devotions, reflection questions and weekly memory verses, blog posts, and challenges. Each day we read a passage of Scripture and then apply the SOAP method to a few verses from the reading. We study either a book of the Bible or verses gathered from Scripture around a topic. All of our studies are either four or six weeks in duration.

Love God Greatly has topical studies as well as complete books of the Bible studies. We encourage women to first read their Bible and seek wisdom and understanding from God. We provide additional content, like daily devotions and weekly blog posts, to provide further insight into the study.

The goal of our Bible studies is to inspire, encourage, and equip women in their faith as they gather together around God's Word in local and online communities. We do this by teaching women how to love God greatly with their lives through our beautifully created women's Bible studies translated into their heart languages.

#### THE SOAP METHOD

It's one thing to simply read Scripture, but when you interact with it, when you learn to slow down to really read it, words start popping off the page. By SOAPing your verses, you can dig deeper into Scripture and understand more than if you simply read the verses and then went on your merry way. Let me encourage you to take the time to SOAP the daily verses, and see for yourself how much more you get out of your daily reading.

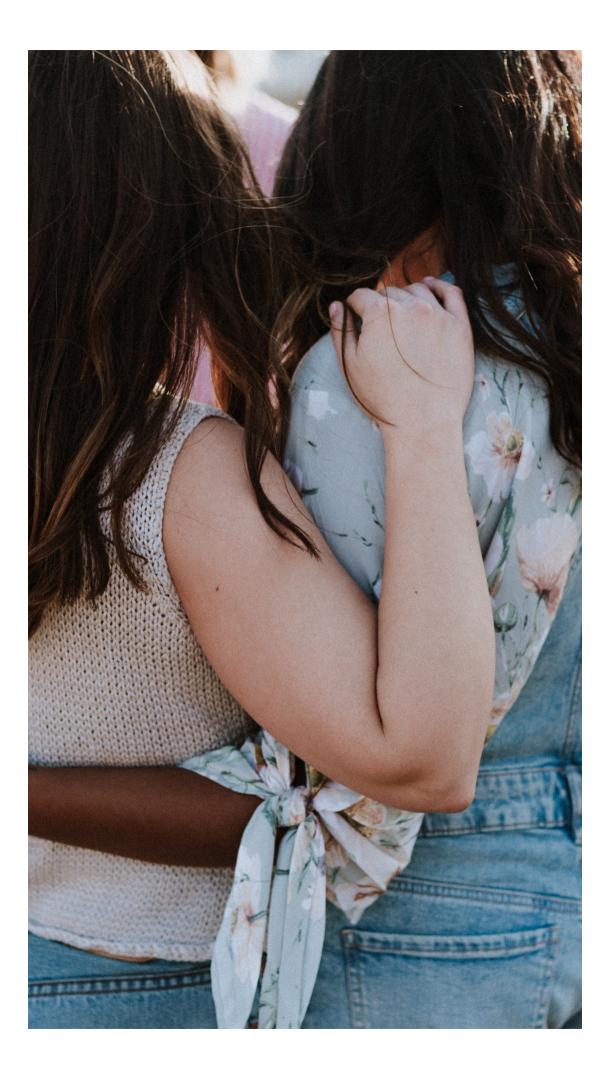
Studying God's Word like this can take as little or as long as you have time to give. Some days it can take as little as ten or fifteen minutes while other days you can spend an hour studying and learning what He has to show you. What does SOAP mean?

- S-The S stands for Scripture. Write out the full SOAP passage. You'll be amazed at what God will reveal to you just by taking the time to slow down and write out what you are reading!
- O-The O stands for Observation. What do you see in the verses that you're reading? Who is the audience? Is there a repetition of words? What words stand out to you?
- A-The A stands for Application. This is when God's Word becomes personal. What is God saying to me today? How can I apply the truth of this passage to my own life? What changes do I need to make? Is there an action that I need to take?
- P-The P stands for Prayer. Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.

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LOVE GOD GREATLY

FACILITATORS



#### LOVE GOD GREATLY FACILITATORS

A Love God Greatly facilitator loves God and wants to help other women love Him, too. She has been transformed from the inside out by God's Word and she has a passion for seeing other women read God's Word for themselves and be transformed from the inside out, too.

A Love God Greatly facilitator is a woman who knows how important it is to have God's Word not only known in her mind but also believed in her heart and lived out in her life. She is a woman who desires to help other women grow in their relationship with God. She is a leader who comes alongside the women in her group to help them study God's Word in a community. She oversees the group, modeling how to participate in the study, and she is committed to facilitating her group through the entirety of the study.

She models the love, respect, and commitment that she expects from the women in her group. A Love God Greatly facilitator embodies Love God Greatly's key characteristics and actions.

#### HOW TO BECOME A FACILITATOR

To become a Love God Greatly facilitator, first join a group and be active on a daily basis. Get acquainted with the facilitator(s) and other members of the group, follow our social platforms, consistently study the daily verses, and share your daily SOAP in the group.

After you have participated in two or three studies you will be ready to facilitate one yourself. You are not alone in facilitating your group. We are here to mentor you and help you along the way.

Always keep the goal in mind: to help women love God greatly with their lives.

A Love God Greatly Facilitator is woman who desires to help other women grow in their relationship with God. She is a leader who comes alongside the women in her group to help them, always keeping the goal in mind: to help women love God greatly with their lives.

#### FACILITATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Model the importance of daily sharing what you are learning from God's Word. Share what God is teaching you from your time in His Word. Model for others by going first and being authentic. You do not need to be perfect, and you don't need to have all the answers. What you need to do is love God and encourage your group to love Him, too.
- Lean on God to help you encourage the group throughout the study. Everyone needs encouragement. Comment on some of the insights your group members share and encourage them to continually share what God is teaching them. Everyone likes to know they are contributing something beneficial and that they have been heard.
- Be involved in the Love God Greatly Facilitator Facebook group and share ideas, ask questions, interact with the Love God Greatly Leadership Team, and learn from other facilitators. Be familiar with the Love God Greatly website at *lovegodgreatly.com* for additional study resources.
- Engage daily with the group by posting the daily verse on the technology platform of the group's choice. While all group members should keep each other accountable in Bible reading, your group members will look to you as their facilitator for consistency in communication and as a resource for study information. Communicate regularly with your Love God Greatly group. They look forward to hearing from you, and you often need to be the one to initiate contact.
- Pray for the group members and encourage others in the group to be praying for each other. Pray for your group and the Love God Greatly ministry regularly.
- Be appropriately transparent, humble, and honest. Facilitator transparency often encourages members to open up and share their own victories and struggles in their walk with God. Show love, humility, and compassion.
- Lead your group for the full duration of the study (four or six weeks).
- Check in with silent members of the group and follow up with participants who are less involved.
- Find a co-leader to help encourage the women in your group and help each other with responsibilities when necessary.
- Stay familiar with the Love God Greatly Bible study materials. Please do not share materials from other ministries while in the middle of a Love God Greatly study.
- Follow Love God Greatly on social media, specifically Facebook and Instagram, and subscribe to the Love God Greatly email list.



#### TYPES OF LOVE GOD GREATLY GROUPS

#### CHURCH GROUPS

We encourage you to make an appointment with your pastors or other church leaders and share about Love God Greatly and your ideas for the group.

With permission, you can start a study in your church.

#### FRIENDS AND FAMILY GROUPS

We encourage you to invite women you know who would benefit from the study and meet up either in your homes or in a coffee shop. The time or date is decided by you. The idea is that you meet at least once a week to learn from each other and share what you've learned.

Pray and ask God to reveal to whom you should extend an invitation. Don't be afraid of their rejection—the worst they can do is say no. But imagine how their life can change if they say yes! Pray, invite, and trust God in the process.

#### VIRTUAL GROUPS

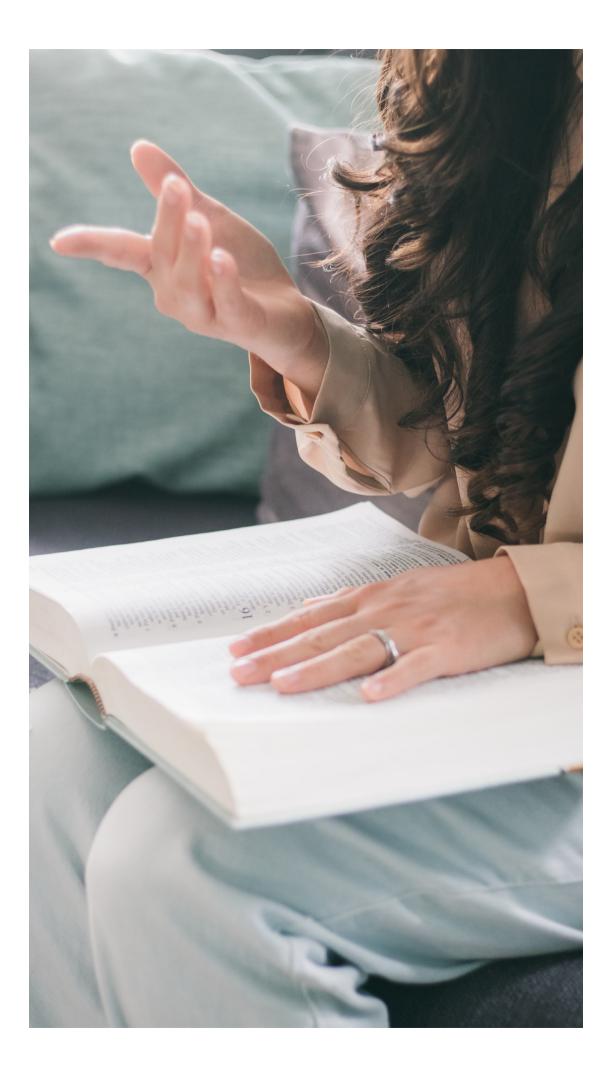
We use many different online platforms, including Telegram, WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook, Zoom, YouTube, the Love God Greatly app, YouVersion, and many others.

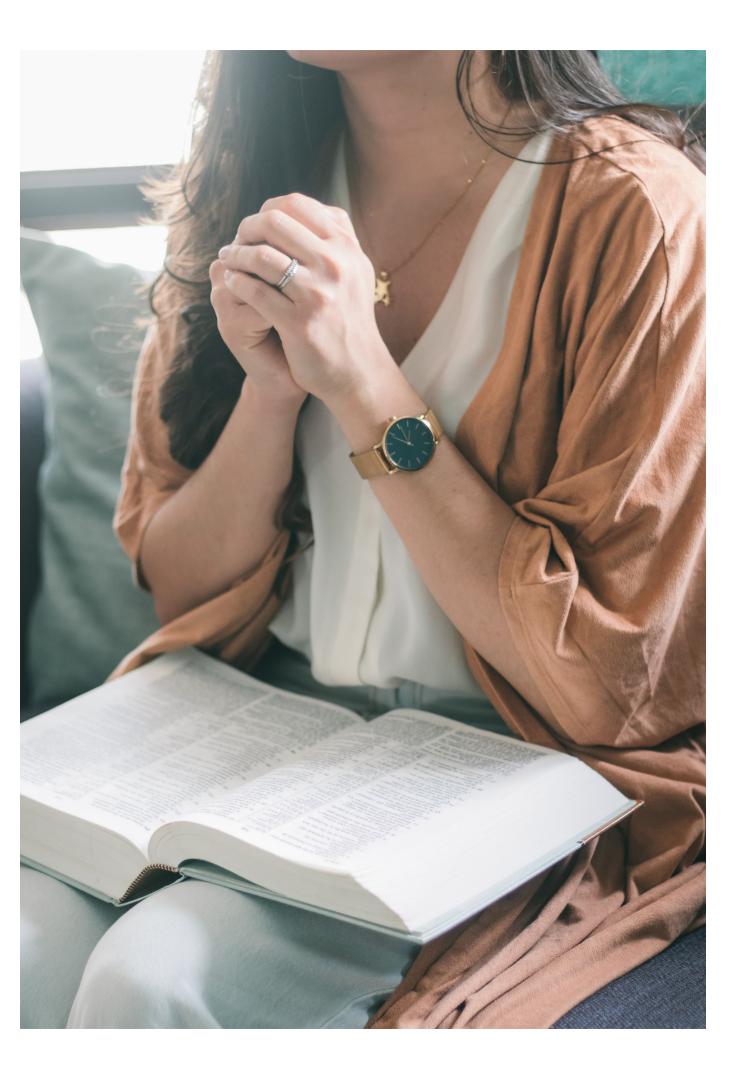
You are welcome to use any other available and allowed platform in your country. Virtual groups can also be hosted through a group text message or email thread.



HOW TO BE A

## FACILITATOR





#### HOW TO FACILITATE A BIBLE STUDY GROUP

- Post daily verses in your group, along with your SOAP and thoughts on the verses.
- Read and respond to your members' SOAP posts daily to help build a loving and encouraging group. You can share this task with your co-leader.
- Pray regularly (daily and weekly) for each of your group members. Encourage other members to pray. The more you pray openly for your members, the more they will begin to do the same.
- Include weekly icebreakers to create a fun environment! Be careful not to flood your group with too many extra items. The point of the group is to study the Bible; keep that as your focus and use the other engaging items as bonuses. Limit the number of extra items to twice a week.
- Another way to engage your group is to have everyone share a favorite at the beginning of each discussion or on a specific day of the week. Some ideas include favorite Bible character, favorite attribute of God, favorite thing about your husband, kids, or best friend, favorite travel memory, favorite gift, favorite place to visit, favorite outdoor activity, favorite food, or favorite decorating style.
- If your members live in close proximity, consider scheduling a fun activity once a month during the study. The activity doesn't matter as much as the fellowship! If your members are from all over the globe, you can try to meet with them virtually or choose a time for members to log into the group for a chat time.
- If you experience some unkindness or theological differences in your group, take time to pray. Then, speak to the person in private to discuss the issue and come to a peaceful resolution. Ask for your mentor's help, if needed. If the behavior does not stop, you will need to remove the member from the group to protect the other members.
- Facebook Facilitators: At least one day before the beginning of the study, post your Week 1 graphics (Reading Plan and Memory Verse). Post the weekly challenge on Mondays. Prayer and praise postings are optional. Change these graphics out each week. On other platforms, consider the time zones of the members of your group and post the night before if needed.

#### SOME IDEAS FOR ICEBREAKERS AND GROUP INTERACTION INCLUDE:

- Upload a photo of your family. Tell us about them.
- Upload your favorite recipe breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert, or snack.
- Tell us about what motivates you in life or what you love to do.
- Share your favorite worship song with us.
- What is your favorite Bible verse? Favorite biblical character?
- Where in the world have you lived? Where would you like to live?
- What is your profession?
- What is something you want to learn or know more about?
- What made you laugh today?
- What is your favorite movie or book?



#### HOW TO CREATE A COMMUNITY ATMOSPHERE

Each group is a unique mix of women and personalities. Some groups connect very well with each other, others not so much. The only thing we can do is create an environment where friendships can form and ask God to lead us as we lead the women He has brought into our groups. Our job is to share, encourage, and pray. Remember, if you share what God is teaching you from your heart, you will encourage others to share what they are learning.

Successful groups are vigilant in encouraging women to be in God's Word every day. We receive encouragement from other women in the body of Christ as we walk through life together. God made us for relationships, first with Him and then with others. What an opportunity we have as leaders to cultivate those relationships and help them grow and deepen!

It is important to create an atmosphere of community in your group. For women to participate, they need to feel included. You can help encourage community in a variety of ways.

#### Get to know each other

Start conversations about your hobbies, dreams, families, goals, personal testimonials, etc. You may find that someone's experience can serve someone else within the group. Providing this intimacy begins with you.

Have each woman introduce herself at the start of each study. Post a photo and encourage your group to comment. Share a document that everyone can add to or start an email thread. You set the tone for these introductions by being the first to introduce yourself. Keep it short and sweet, but try to find common ground where other women can relate.

#### *Pray for each other*

Share prayer requests and ask women to join in. Follow up with one another regularly on these requests. If you feel comfortable doing so, write your prayer for them, so they can read it. Reading a written prayer can be very powerful.

#### Encourage participation

Consistency is key. Interact with women as they comment. Reply to their comments with things like, "Great thought!," "Thanks for sharing that!," "This really made me think in a new way." Encourage women to post regularly and show them they are heard.

#### Create a positive and pleasant atmosphere

Make your group a safe place with a positive atmosphere. Help your group stay positive by not falling prey to discouragement or negativity. Always point others to Jesus, especially if they have shared something difficult.

#### Encourage spiritual growth

Encourage group members by replying to their comments. Reach out with a message if someone is silent for a while. Pray regularly for the members of your group. Follow up on prayer requests. Share your own goals and struggles and encourage your group to do the same.

#### Have fun!

If the people in your group live nearby, consider planning an activity once a month during the study. This can be a group outing or a way you connect and share virtually.

#### Be faithful to the Word of God.

Do not allow personal agendas or platform building in your groups. Let God be the center of everything. Keep the focus on God's Word and encouraging others. Maintain a balance of connection posts and sharing SOAPs or Scripture.

## Tips for Effective Group Facilitation

- Pray for your group and let them know you are doing so.
- Care for your group by engaging with them through your chosen platform.
- Be loving and enthusiastic.
- Lead women with the goal of helping them deepen their understanding of the Bible and in their walk of faith.
- Participate actively in the group.
- Share your daily devotion and what you learned.
- Build trust.
- Encourage the development of community.
- Be humble.
- Display honesty and empathy.
- Rely on God to help you when you are weak.
- Serve the women with grace and encourage them to flourish in the gifts given to them by the Lord.
- Help women find roles in the group. Someone can share the daily message, someone can lead the group in prayer requests or praises for answered prayer, and someone can encourage others consistently.

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#### STAY ENCOURAGED!

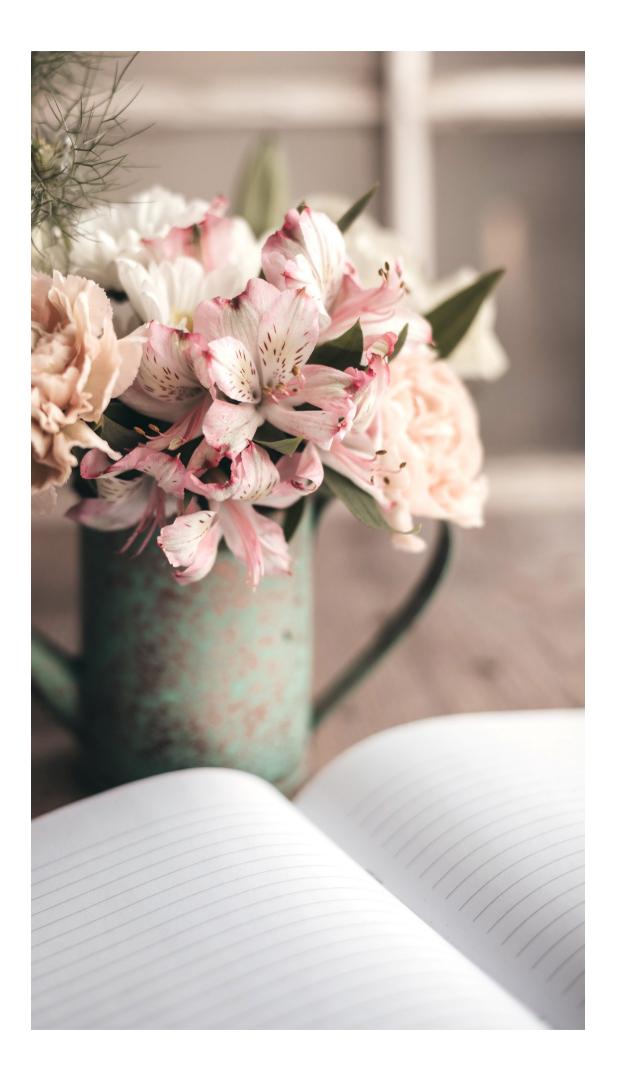
Even the most organized, well-planned groups will experience times when participation is low or there is a lack of interest. This is normal and happens to every group. Do not be discouraged! When your group seems silent, keep posting and cheering them on. You may be surprised to find that some of the women who are silent are going through a difficult time or feel like they have nothing more to add to the discussion. Others might be intimidated by all the thoughts and insights other women are sharing and feel like they don't fit in.

As women, we all know that our lives are filled with many responsibilities. Our desire at Love God Greatly is to encourage. Only God knows our hearts. We have heard story after story of women growing in their relationship with God through Love God Greatly groups, even when they were not actively participating but were listening and reading what was being shared. Remember that even if they don't communicate with the rest of the group, they may still be reading and growing. Don't give up!

Facilitating and shepherding your group is a beautiful act of service to God. Pointing women to Jesus and helping them read His Word and fall in love with Him is life and eternity changing. This work is important. We know from experience that any work that is important to God will be attacked by Satan. But don't lose heart. God is almighty and more powerful than the enemy. We don't live our lives based on what we see but out of faith and love for God.

And know this, you have a team of women praying for you as you inspire, encourage, and equip the women God has entrusted to you. You are a vital member of our ministry, and we are so grateful to have you join us! Together, as a team, God is using us to help change lives around the world! Thank you for playing a vital role in this beautiful work of God. Persevere and remember that God's Word never returns void. FACILITATOR

RESOURCES



#### SAMPLE WELCOME LETTER

You have the option to use your creativity and design something in Word, Canva, or another design application to welcome your women. You can also make a short video or write a letter to your group, welcoming them to the study. A welcome letter could look like this:

### Dear Friend,

I am so excited to start this Love God Greatly study with you! This small, intimate group is a great way to get more connected to grow spiritually. I pray that God gives us wisdom and discernment each day as we spend time in His Word.

Please be willing to share what God is teaching you; everyone will benefit from what you share. In fact, the purpose of this group is to share, comment, and read the comments from others so we can learn from each other. Our prayer is that, as a result of our active participation in this group, there will be lasting friendships and a community centered on Christ. Participate daily, but if you miss a day or two, don't let it hold you back from participating the next day.

There is always grace here; the goal is not perfection but a greater love for God. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or urgent prayer needs.

You are loved and prayed for! I am looking forward to growing together during this study.

God bless you!





### FOR YOUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP

At the beginning of each Bible study, share the following with your group through whichever platform you will be using for the duration of the study.

- Create the group and add your mentor, if you have one. Upload your group cover banner, found in the study graphics folder and then share.
- The Love God Greatly Statement of Faith.
- Basic study information: how to use the SOAP method, group guidelines and expectations, how you will communicate with one another, etc.
- Where to find Love God Greatly blog posts and how to subscribe via email.
- Write and post your welcome letter and group guidelines. Ask group members to read and type "I agree" in the comments section.
- Encourage members to purchase the current Love God Greatly Bible Study journal. Do not post the downloadable Bible study journal in your online group.
- Post the link below for "How to SOAP" on your group page: *lovegodgreatly.com/how-to-soap*
- Begin introductions by posting the Love God Greatly introduction graphic in your group. Introduce yourself and ask your members to do the same.
- Prepare your study goals and share them with your group. Encourage members to share their goals as well. Revisit these goals midway through the study.



### GROUP MEMBER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Q: How can I lead a Love God Greatly group?

A: Fill out a subscription form or sign up. Read and confirm that you agree with the Love God Greatly Statement of Faith. Subscribe to the blog by visiting our homepage, *lovegodgreatly.com*, and scroll to the bottom of the page. Like the Love God Greatly Facebook page and follow *@lovegodgreatlyofficial* on Instagram.

#### Q: What is the SOAP method? How do I do it properly?

A: We use the SOAP method in all of our Bible studies. See examples and instructions on how to use this method: *lovegodgreatly.com/how-to-soap* 

# Q. How can I financially support Love God Greatly?

A: Love God Greatly is a non-profit ministry, and all of our translators are volunteers. You can support our ministry by purchasing Bible study journals or other resources, or by tax-deductible donations. Visit *lovegodgreatly.com* 

### Q: What if I did my study, but I don't feel like sharing anything that day?

A: If you do not feel comfortable sharing what you learned, comment or encourage someone who did share. Your comments always add value to our discussion and will encourage others in the group.

# Q: Will everyone on my friends' list be able to see what I write about my devotions, ideas, or prayer requests on their Facebook page?

A: No. Your entries in this group will only appear in someone else's news feed if they are already currently friends with you and are a member of the group. The security group is set to "secret." To join a secret group, you must be added by a member of the group. Please be discreet when using or sharing very personal details, as everything posted on Facebook still belongs to Facebook.

# *Q: My life got a little hectic, and now I'm behind and intimidated to catch up. Should I leave the group?*

A: No! You will find more encouragement as you become more involved in the study. It's not always easy to be vulnerable in a group like this, and for some of us, it's even harder to share than it is for others. We are all here to grow in our relationship with God. We all need Jesus and His strength. You don't have to be eloquent or have all the answers to share your thoughts. The Holy Spirit is working in each one of us. You may share something that God wants someone else to hear; don't keep it to yourself. You never know who you might be encouraging. Commit to being and participating in your group once a day. If it happens that you miss some days, jump back in the next day.

# Q: I have a prayer request. Where do I share it?

A: There will be a weekly prayer and praise photo where you can add requests in the comments. Find the prayer message and click on the "follow post" option. Or, share your request with your group leader.

# Q: What kind of things can be my goals?

A: Your goal can be anything related to your spiritual life. Any habits you want to start, attitudes you want to change, areas to grow, or the way you interact with others. You should also add specific goals that you think you can achieve during this study.

# Q: Can I invite some friends to study with us?

A: Absolutely! However, they may not be in the same group depending on the prior agreement you have reached with your group. Before adding them to the group let them know some information about the group. Tell them what you are studying, and share the commitment expectations and the method of Bible study. Share your past experience and let them know why you think they would benefit from this study. Give your group leader their contact information so they can get in touch.



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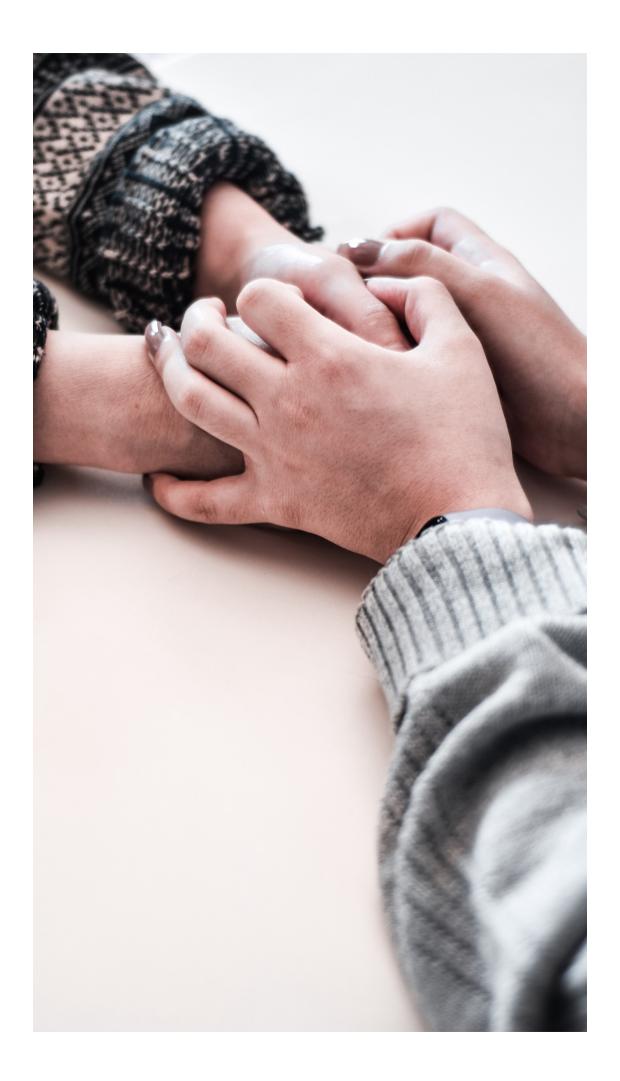
# Helpful Resources

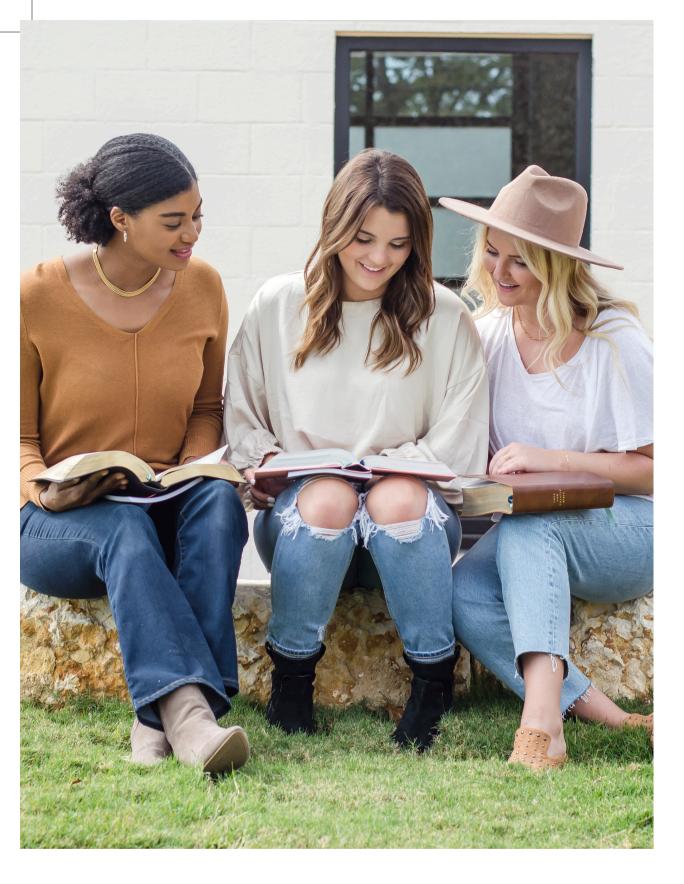
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- The Love God Greatly Facilitator web page: *facilitators.lovegodgreatly.com*
- The Love God Greatly Facilitator Facebook group.
- Study materials before the study begins.
- Weekly meetings for facilitators and group leaders (in some languages).
- Training resources include workshops on topics like Bible study techniques and leadership.
- A mentor during your first study as a facilitator.
- Other suggested resources for facilitating and leading your group include:
  - Love God Greatly website: *lovegodgreatly.com*
  - Bible Gateway: *biblegateway.com*
  - Blue Letter Bible: *blueletterbible.org*
  - Bible Hub: *biblehub.com*
  - Got Questions: gotquestions.org

FACILITATOR

TRAINING





# FACILITATOR TRAINING

This training is done over seven days, with the same structure as a typical Love God Greatly Bible study. The training includes daily reading, SOAP verses, reflection questions, and portions of the facilitator handbook to read and understand.

# Day 1

# READ ABOUT THE SOAP METHOD SHARE INTRODUCTIONS

### Day 2

### READ: MARK 10:42-45; PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5 / SOAP: MARK 10:42-45

- Read the Love God Greatly statement of faith.
- Why do we need a statement of faith?
- What is godly leadership?
- What's a facilitator?
- What is important to share with the group as you lead?

### Day 3

### READ: MATTHEW 23:10-12 / SOAP: MATTHEW 23:10-12

- What are the main challenges of leading a LGG Bible study group?
- What is your motivation for leading this group?
- What are some tools you can use to succeed as a leader?
- Create a video or welcome letter to share with the group.

# Day 4

### READ: EZRA 7:10; 1 TIMOTHY 4:6 / SOAP: EZRA 7:10

- How do you balance your life and ministry?
- Share when God has come through for you or when He used your weakness for His glory.

### Day 5

### READ: ROMANS 12:6-8; TITUS 2:7-8 / SOAP: ROMANS 12:6-8

- How do you respond to a person in your group that is negative or is resistant or disrespectful to the leadership and direction of the group?
- Open your group on your desired platform and add your mentor.

# Day 6

### READ: GALATIANS 6:9-10 / SOAP: GALATIANS 6:9-10

- How do you encourage participation?
- Share a moment when you have been encouraged by the participation or vulnerability of others.

# Day 7

#### READ: PHILIPPIANS 4:13 / SOAP: PHILIPPIANS 4:13

- What do you do when you feel discouraged?
- How do you deal with disappointment?
- What resources do you use for your personal devotions?
- How do you respond when you are asked a question you don't know the answer to?

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