

# GROUP LEADER RESOURCES

## Choosing a Study

While some groups follow the sermons from the Sunday morning messages, others are choosing a different (or additional) topic to study. With so many study options available, it may be a struggle to find one that works for your group. Here are suggested guidelines for selecting a study.

- **Prayer** - Ask God to reveal a topic or direction for your group study. Pray for something that will engage the group and help them take next steps in their walk with Jesus.
- **Passion** - Talk to group members. Ask if there's been something on their heart for the group to dive into. Try to go with majority opinion. For example, if only one person in your group is interested in studying the Zondervan Atlas of the Bible, you might encourage them to do a self-study.
- **Parameters** - Know what's going to work and what's not. Realize, for example, that an in-depth analysis of Revelation will not work with people who are newer to the faith. Also, if your group is not good with book studies, you might choose to do a video series. Lastly, determine the time frame for the study. Usually, a 4-6 week study is long enough to explore a topic but short enough to maintain interest.
- **Purpose** - Clarify the intent of the study. For example, if you want the theme of the study to be “surrender,” let that be your guide as you search. Then you’ll find, for example, that Francis Chan has a great series on surrender (self, sin, stuff, status).
- **Probe** - With the above in mind, research potential studies. If you haven’t signed up yet, Right Now Media is an excellent resource for studies, and Center Pointe provides it to our congregation at no cost. [Click here to gain access.](#) North Point Ministries and [smallgroups.com](http://smallgroups.com) also have studies or can spur study ideas. If you decide to do a Bible study, it’s helpful to also have an accompanying book or online study to help with practical application.