



BIBLE STUDY GROUND RULES

THE FIVE BASICS

1. What Happens in Bible Study Stays in Bible Study

Confidentiality is key to creating a safe environment where all of us feel comfortable and confident to share what we are learning, what we are struggling with, or our questions. Talking about what was said in confidence in the group with someone outside the group, or even with someone inside the group without the sharer present, is detrimental and potentially hurtful, even if meant with “good intentions.”

2. Everyone Has Something to Say

We tell our kids to take turns and so should we. This does not mean that everyone needs to speak all the time. However, let’s keep in mind that everyone has something valuable to offer. We will listen to each person respectfully and with an attitude of friendship. This also means that we need to be willing to share, even when we may feel uncomfortable. Come prepared to share and to listen in equal portion.

3. Respect The Time

Of course, we all know that, as women, we have a lot of responsibilities and our lives can be very hectic. However, we should all strive to arrive on time and prepared. This also means that we will make it a point to end on time, as well.

4. We Will Disagree. That's Okay.

We will disagree. Let's be prepared to do it respectfully, constructively, and with a healthy dose of humility. Debate is not something to shy away from but to approach with tenderness and an honest desire to connect and learn.

5. Be Kind

We will be kind by keeping this passage in mind:

“‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:31 NKJV

