

5 | GROUP PRAYER

Rather than going around the group and sharing prayer requests, you might consider simply bowing your heads and taking turns praying for the things on your heart or that the Holy Spirit brings to mind.

NEXT STEPS AFTER GROUP

1 | SCRIPTURE FOCUSED

- Verse to Memorize: _____
- Other Passages to Read: _____

2 | PRAYER FOCUSED

- How can you pray for people in your group this week?
- Is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about something you need to repent of and turn over to Jesus?
- How are you going to respond to this truth and put it into action?

3 | OTHERS FOCUSED

- Did anyone in your group share a need that you might be gifted to help with?
- Consider inviting a friend from group to meet up for a meal or a hang out time.
- Is the Holy Spirit bringing someone to mind with whom you can share the things you've learned today?

GROUPS

STUDY GUIDE

Why Would I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

Reading, thinking, and praying about the primary passage your Lighthouse Group is studying ahead of time may be one of the most pivotal ways to make your Lighthouse Group discussions powerful and meaningful. When you do prepare beforehand, you're coming with thoughtful insights and ideas you've been wrestling through. That's different from grabbing at the most accessible thoughts in real time.

How Do I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

1 | PRAY

Ask God to open your eyes, mind, and spirit to His truth. Your desire is not to "get the right answer," but rather to know Him as He has revealed Himself so that you can trust and rely on Him more fully.

2 | READ

Read the main passage. Consider reading the same passage in multiple versions, like ESV, NIV, AMP, and NLT. All of these can be found at BibleGateway.com. For better context, read the paragraphs before and after the study passage as well.

3 | REFLECT

What does this passage teach you about God? Maybe something to praise Him for? Does this passage reveal an area of your life you should confess as sin to God? What does this passage lead you to ask God for? How does this passage point to Jesus work on the cross and out of the grave?

Think through some of the questions you'll be discussing during your Lighthouse Group time.

4 | WRITE

This is when you cross over from reading into study – writing down truth that you are discovering. Write down questions that come to mind as you are reading.

We've included space on the next page of this guide for you to write down insights, questions, and more that you can bring up in your Lighthouse Group discussion time.

PREP BEFORE GROUP

PRIMARY PASSAGE: 2 Chronicles 9:1-12

WRITE YOUR INSIGHTS & QUESTIONS HERE:

ADDITIONAL CROSS-REFERENCES: 1 Kings 3:4-15; 5:7; 10:1-13; 1 Chronicles 17:11-14; Matthew 12:38-42; Luke 11:29-32.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of: September 29 through October 5, 2025

1 | **PRAY:** Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your group in truth and spiritual growth.

2 | **READ 2 Chronicles 9:1-12**

One volunteer reads the passage in the ESV or NIV. Another volunteer reads the passage in AMP or NLT.

3 | **CONSIDER SITUATIONAL/HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

About a thousand years before Jesus was born, the queen of Sheba heard fabulous reports about Solomon, king of Israel, and traveled hundreds of miles to investigate for herself. (The exact location of the biblical nation of Sheba is uncertain, but it was probably either in modern-day Yemen, or Ethiopia.)

In Matthew 12:38-42, Jesus said this heathen woman saw the glory of God reflected in Solomon and believed in the Lord, whereas the Pharisees of Jesus' day saw One who was far greater than Solomon, but *didn't* believe. Therefore, the queen of Sheba would fare better than they will on Judgment Day.

4 | **DISCUSSION**

CONTENT QUESTIONS

1. Why did the queen make such a long, difficult journey? How much of a personal investment was this for her? Who might have told her about Solomon?
2. Did she interact with Solomon at all, or just stand and observe from a distance?
3. What did Solomon give her in return?

TRUTH QUESTIONS

1. Did this really happen, or is it just a legend? How can we know?
2. What impressed the queen so much about Solomon?
3. What truth did Jesus illustrate with this example?

APPLICATION/PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. How much greater is Jesus than Solomon? What are you willing to invest to gaining a deeper understanding of Him?
2. Have you ever said "Yes" to a Jesus as your Lord and Savior? If so, have you found Him to exceed your expectations?
3. What did the queen of Sheba probably do when she got home after this experience? If you have a personal relationship with Jesus, who have you told about it?