

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

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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: Matthew 13:24-30

WRITE YOUR INSIGHTS & QUESTIONS HERE:

ADDITIONAL CROSS-REFERENCES: Isaiah 55:9-11; Matthew 3:1-2, 11-12; 7:15-21; 13:36-43; Mark 4:26-28; Galatians 6:7-8; 2 Peter 3:8-10.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of: October 20-26, 2025

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

2 | READ Matthew 13:24-30

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

3 | CONSIDER SITUATIONAL/HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Many of the parables of Jesus had an agricultural theme because it was something everyone in his audience could understand, as it was an agrarian economy. People would have known that there was a local weed called darnel that looked like wheat until the grain heads started to form. By then, the roots would be so entangled with the wheat's root system that if you pulled up the weed, the wheat would come up too. But Jesus wasn't talking about actual wheat and weeds; he used this story to illustrate spiritual truth.

4 | DISCUSSION

CONTENT QUESTIONS

1. What does this parable illustrate, and who is the main character?
2. Who plants the weeds, and when? Why might he have chosen that time?
3. Are the servants alarmed about this? Do they have a solution? Is the landowner alarmed? What's his solution? Whose plan is most likely to be implemented?

TRUTH QUESTIONS

1. How did the servants know there were weeds among the wheat, v. 26? How can we know when people are just going through the motions of following Jesus but have never actually put their faith in him?
2. Whether in a literal field or in the spiritual realm, is it common for weeds to appear among a crop?
3. Why might God allow the enemy's plants to remain among His people for a time instead of rooting them up right away?

APPLICATION/PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. If I've put my faith in Jesus, how should I respond when I'm around people who don't believe in him?
2. If I have not yet put my faith in Jesus as my Lord and Savior, am I waiting for a more convenient time to do so? How can I know how much time I have before I must stand before Him in judgment?
3. How many weeds are in Christ's heavenly kingdom?