Sharing the Word

Below is a tool you might use to share your thoughts with others, after carefully reading a passage of the Bible

Preparing for a group

Time put in before will ***greatly benefit*** time together. (10 mins per day?)
Work through the stages – LOOK, LEARN, LISTEN, LIVE.
Write down your thoughts.

Format

LOOK – Go verse by verse – Invite **short, direct** questions - (Who, What, Why, When, Where, hoW!)
& - whether answers known or not! Answer each in turn
Look for other parts of the Bible that might be relevant

LEARN Pay attention to anything that puzzles

LISTEN – Share views on the **M**ain **P**oint and a **K**ey **V**erse.

LIVE – Response
a) What does it show of God / His grace/Jesus
b) What should be done, by first hearers/by me, today?

NB Be sure to leave **plenty of time** for the **LIVE** section..

Operation

As you gather round God's Word together:

a. listen to the views of others.
b. welcome new people. (All can join in when you start with simple questions, whether you know the answer or not)
c. encourage people to think for themselves. (Don't let the knowledgeable dominate or rehearse sermons past!)
d. include all who might wish to, in your sharing together.

Growth

The goal is to **Share** the Word. Discuss soon who might join you, particularly those out-with the church. When your group grows to about 5, plan to divide. (see: Sharing the Word – 'Meristems').

More help in reading the Bible carefully can be found in
https://hearingtheword.org.uk