An Invitation

You may be someone who is:

settled in your views
or asking questions;
an atheist, or
a firm believer.

Would like to air your views and discuss further the person of Jesus in a relaxed environment?

If so, why not join me / us in looking together at what the Bible says.

As a basis, we would use the format described overleaf. During this, we would simply read through a part of the Bible and share views on it.

All opinions will be considered

All views will be respected.

All questions will be acknowledged – even if they remain unanswered!

If you would like to look into what the Bible has to say, let me know.

My name

Contact

A dilemma

The singer Jerry Lee Lewis once asked his arch-rival, Elvis Presley, whether he believed that rock'n'rollers could go to heaven.

"I said, 'Elvis, I'm going to ask you one thing before we part company here. If you die, do you think you go to heaven or hell?' And he got real red in the face, and then he got real white in the face, and then he said: 'Jerry Lee, don't you ever ask me that again.' He was very frightened."

And he wasn't the only one. "I worry about it before I go to bed; it's a very serious situation. I mean you worry, when you breathe your last breath where are you going to go?"

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Sharing the Word



Photo: Ferrell Jenkins

'But the angel … said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen as He said."'

(Matthew chapter 28 verse 5, NKJV)

Questions?

What?
A chance to look regularly, with a friend(s), at what the Bible says about Jesus.

Who?
A small gathering of 2 - 5 folk, of any age, background or stage of belief or unbelief, who would be willing to exchange their views on the Bible.

When?
Anytime it can be fitted in *without eating into prime time* (so *not* evenings, family time, etc.). It might meet early morning, lunchtime, on the way home from work, when shifts coincide etc.

Where?
In person or *Online* (WhatsApp, ZOOM, Teams etc) Anywhere convenient: home, office, church, pub, the train, etc …?!

How long?
30 mins +? It would usually be once a week for about 7 weeks. After a break, people would then be free to continue or not as they would chose.

(When the group grows to five people, it should consider splitting, to make room for others to join in.)

The Format

1) **A Bible Reading**

2) **Questions and Answers**

Verse by verse. Invite short questions (whether answer is known or not)

Briefly answer each in turn.

Pay attention to anything that puzzles

3) **Main point / Key verse**

MP in a text-size message.

KV that holds passage's message.

4) **Living it out**

What does it shows of God? (His character//His grace/Jesus)

What should be done?

Note

Advance preparation is very beneficial for all.

Ensure all are encouraged to share and no one dominates

Allow ample time for 'Living it out' - (change / action is God's intention for us in reading the Bible!)

The Bible

Christians believe that in and through the Bible, God speaks and reveals Himself to us. We think therefore that *the Bible* is 'the teacher' and so we *all* come to learn from it.

At the heart of the Bible, Jesus says:

God so loved the world,
that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish
but have eternal life.
(John chapter 3 verse 16, ESV)

The aim is to explore the truth of this statement. To do this we would look at a passage in the Bible and discuss our views on it.

(Note The Bible is Jesus' 'autobiography' so it speaks about Him in every part.)

Cover photo *by Ferrell Jenkins: A small, first-century empty tomb near Nazareth, with circular stone ready to cover the entrance, similar to a larger, new tomb in Jerusalem, where Joseph of Arimathea buried Jesus. (Matthew 27:57-61, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19)*