

Small Group ~ Sample

- **Begin with prayer**, asking the Holy Spirit to teach us. Minimize the small talk so we can maximize our discussion.
- **Read** passage together, by having each woman read 1 verse. This helps the reading to move quickly without women getting distracted
- Allow 10 min. for independent **meditating** and **journaling**.
 - When they write their discovery, it should be a truth that they observe in the passage. The meaning of that truth should be consistent with the surrounding text of passage (What did the author mean when he wrote that?)
 - When they write their application, it should be personal and practical (“I can be more like Paul by encouraging others...”).
- Pull your group together and have the women **share their discoveries** and applications.
 - On Sharing:**
 - Allow the ladies to share first. It may be tempting to share all your insights, especially since you have studied! You are loving and serving them by listening! As a leader, share last.
 - Their sharing should be based on the passage and their application should be personalized.
 - As a leader, you’ll need to strike a balance in encouraging quieter women to share and encouraging talkative women to share more briefly. (Variety of women: chatty, quiet, drama queen, rabbit trail chaser, sporadic, solid rock)
- **Thank and encourage** each woman after her sharing. This is very important since we generally feel vulnerable when we share honestly.
- **Wrap up** the discussion.
- At the close of your group time, **select 1 person** to share 1 main discovery in the larger group.

