

# GOSPEL REFLECTION groups

## Mission and Core Values

**Mission** — To grow in a more personal and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ through the sharing of the Word (Gospel Message) inspired by the Holy Spirit.

**Vision** — To have Gospel reflection groups in every church, community, workplace, and area of the country, then the world.

**Purpose** — To be a united light to the world that leads to Christ; building His Kingdom here on earth.

## Core Values

**Christ Centered:** This is a gathering of men or women who want to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ by the breaking open of the Bread of Life, the Word of God.

**Humility:** Recognizing that we are all men and women in search of spiritual healing, we gather together to learn, grow and heal with members of the one Body of Christ. We do this by the hearing and the breaking open of the Gospel reading with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

**Transparency:** Understanding that we are all equal in God's eyes, we accept all as equals and fellow works in progress in need of Christ.

**Respect:** We are ALL on a journey home to be united with the Father and so we respect that each of us is at a different place and understanding along our path way. It is God who is drawing us to Himself and Who reveals Himself to us in different ways at different times.

**Openness:** We accept that we do not have all the answers, so we strive to always remain open to grow and learn by hearing how God is working in the lives of others.

**Non-Judgmental:** We do not judge the holiness or life of anyone attending. We love them as our neighbor and encourage them on their journey.

**All Are Welcome:** All persons searching for Christ are welcome in our groups.

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## Overview

A Gospel Reflection group is a one hour weekly gathering of either humble men or women, where a universal Gospel reading, from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) is read. After a brief moment of reflection, a spontaneous sharing of how this Gospel reading impacted the participants hearts, relative to their lives today, ensues.

It is important to understand that this is NOT a Bible study, there is one Teacher, the Holy Spirit. The facilitator of the group merely acts as the coordinator of the prayers and the hour, but does not teach. Participants open up and share their response to the Gospel reading, if they choose to. Real life stories, struggles and events are usually shared as the Holy Spirit inspires each individual.

Pastors and Priests are invited to be a part of the group however, it is encouraged that they are not the facilitator as that may inhibit the sharing of others. The universal Gospel reading will be provided to any group so that no matter where you are in the world, the same Gospel reading is broken open and thus you may join in any group anywhere. All of this information is available for download at our website: [www.StewardshipMission.org](http://www.StewardshipMission.org). We believe it is important that all groups stay connected throughout the world as the Gospel reflection groups grow so that access to them may be made available to all those searching.

We have chosen a template which today separates Men's Gospel Reflection groups from Women's as this time of reflection is also a time of sharing personal struggles and life challenges. We do not want to inhibit the sharing and bonding of brothers in Christ as well as the sisters in Christ. If a group chooses to start a and form with couples including men and women, please feel free to do so and let us know how it is working.

The Gospel reflection groups are open to all Christians and those searching for Christ. These groups are to be an instrument in the healing of the one Body of Christ in answer to Christ's prayer.

May God bless each and every group and group member as we say our "Yes" to gathering together, united under Christ.

## The Benefits of Participation

- Gives purpose and meaning to our daily lives.
- Spiritual growth, at home, at work and within our communities.
- A life of spiritual peace, joy and charity.
- Learn more, so we can give more.
- Group support and encouragement.
- An ever deepening relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Individual growth (from self-centered to others-centered).
- Become a better person, spouse, parent, leader, follower and friend
- Counsel of Godly men and women.
- Build life-long relationships.
- Balance in Life

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*From your relationship with God,  
flows His love into others.  
God must be first in our lives*

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