

Leading Small Group Bible Studies & 1 to 1s

A good and a bad experience

How culturally specific?

“Can Anyone Tell Me Why We Are Meeting?”¹



A light bulb: This should be something that ‘shines’ from the passage—whatever impacts most, or draws attention.



A question mark: Anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question the reader would like to ask the writer of the passage or the Lord.



An arrow: A personal application for the reader's life.



How does the context help?



What is the heart of the passage?



How does this lift up and show us Jesus?



How could we share this with someone?

1. Our big aim is to ...
2. Be prepared to be flexible
3. Sit comfortably but not too comfortably
4. Aversion to versions
5. DIY background
6. Don't forget the real world
7. Rub our noses on the text
8. Keep up the speed
9. Cross the ball, don't score goals
10. Don't cap it – leave it
11. Get the What clear then move onto Meaning then move onto So What?
12. Ask, Wait, Answer, Response
13. We're cross with cross-references
14. Confess your sins
15. Entice the Mice
16. Stop the bulls
17. Remember who you're talking to
18. We need time to apply
19. Get real, soft, and serious
20. Pray with both Bible and diary

¹ Steve Midgley, 'Something worth meeting for: A biblical vision for small groups,' JBC 28:3 (2014): 62–73.