

## Helping a Disciple Lead a Bible study: **SPECKA**

Disciples first learn to relate to God through the Bible. Then they help others study the Word. As a Disciple-Maker you must train a Disciple to lead Bible studies. **SPECKA** is an uncomplicated Bible study method for small groups. It emphasizes application.

**SPECKA.** **SPECKA** is a participatory Bible study that a new Disciple can lead. It's designed for Christians and non-Christians to participate. The Disciple-Maker models how to lead **SPECKA**, then helps a Disciple become the leader. Here's how **SPECKA** works:

**Pick a passage.** Plan to study 10-12 verses. The goal is not to learn massive amounts, but to apply biblical truths to life. Provide Bibles for everyone. Or print the verses on a handout, with **SPECKA** under it. Make it easy for newcomers to read and participate.

**Read the passage.** Have the group read the passage aloud. Be sensitive to non-readers and non-fluent English speakers. Make it easy for them to decline to read aloud. Ask, *Any questions? Anything you didn't understand?* Don't take long to answer.

**Lead the discussion.** Have the leader ask **SPECKA** questions:

- S** any SIN to confess or avoid in this passage?
- P** any PROMISE to claim or PRAISE to sing?
- E** any good EXAMPLE to follow or bad EXAMPLE to avoid?
- C** any COMMAND to obey?
- K** any KNOWLEDGE about who God is or how He works?
- A** what APPLICATION to practice personally?

Give time for the group to think and respond to each question. Try to involve every participant. Keep the discussion on the passage. Answer off-topic questions after the study, if there's time.

The last two questions are very important, with **Application** as the most important. Ask each person in the group what verse was most meaningful and what God wants them to do. Expect each Christian to have an application. Encourage non-Christians to consider one.

**Prayer.** Instruct each participant to pray for the person on their left (or right...). The prayer can be simple, expressing to God the application their neighbor made. Encourage everyone to pray. Non-Christians can pray and often will, if given the option. Imagine, everyone praying in a Bible study!

**Review.** The next time the group meets, begin by reviewing applications from the previous study. Ask each person how they put the verse/truth into practice. Emphasize living and practicing the truth, not just having more Bible knowledge. **That's SPECKA!**