

## TEACHING TIPS

### How You Effectively Lead a Small Group Discussion

#### Home Fellowship Group Leaders Discussion

*What are some of the challenges you have faced when leading a small group?*

Aim: to discover some of the challenges our leaders face when leading a group discussion.

You must **come prepared to lead** a small group discussion.

- *What are some things that stood out to you about being prepared?*  
Aim for this question: Leaders must take the time to prepare for a good discussion.  
*What are some things you need to do to change to be better prepared?*
- *What contributes to a good discussion of the truth?*  
Aims for this question:  
Leaders must know the goal, which is applying the word.  
Leaders must adopt a good method, not lecture but directed discussion to discovery.  
Learn to ask good questions: *how do you get better at this? What specific things can you do?*
- *How can you help people apply the truth in concrete ways?*  
Aim: help leaders think through ways to ensure application of the truth.  
Again, good questions, like:  
What will you do this week about this?  
What obstacle will you face in order to do this?  
Share what *you* will do. Lead by example.  
Ask follow up questions from the week before:  
How did it go last week with your action step?

#### **How to lovingly handle difficult people.**

- When handling difficult people, *what have you found to be the hardest thing to do?*  
Aim: to discover what leaders find the most difficult, and discuss ways to overcome.
- Review: how to handle wrong answers, tough questions, rabbit trails, the person who dominates. Encourage them to review HFGL manual, appendix two.

Break up in groups to pray.