

## Swedish Method of Bible Study

Prayer, especially ask God to speak through His Word. Read a short passage aloud within the group. You may also add a few minutes for private reading. Each individual then looks at the passage alone for about ten minutes and writes down or highlights five things.



Lightbulb

**What shines through to you in this passage.** Something that really speaks to you from what you have read



Question

**What questions do you have about this passage.** Anything that might be difficult to understand, or perhaps something you wish you could ask the writer of the text. Are there questions you would like to ask Jesus?



Cross

**Where is Jesus in this passage?** How might it relate to Him or His work?



Direction

**What lessons could we apply to our own lives from this passage?**



Speak

**Who is the one person we each know that would benefit from hearing the teaching from God's Word today?**

### Leading the Group

**Share "Lightbulbs"** – are there things that seem to jump out of the page? If this is done as a round circle exercise, then every person has an opportunity to speak and contribute.

**Share "Questions"** – what are the things that are difficult to understand in the text? Are there any things that seem a little "odd"?

**Share "Crosses"** – Try to see where this passage might be pointing to Jesus and His work. This may be challenging in some texts but can be very illuminating!

**Share "Application"** – Each person shares one or two things that they feel they could apply to their own life. As a group you may feel there is something you can share in your own group

**Share "Speak"** - Spend some time asking the Holy Spirit to reveal who you can share the truth of Jesus with, and then pray for an opportunity to bless them.

To make the study even more interesting...



Context

The adage that a "Text without a context is a con", still holds. Context will always require quite a bit of work and asking questions such as...

- Are there other parts of the bible relating to the same subject?
- What is the broad message of the book in question?
- Who are the audience?
- How does this passage fit into the whole "Gospel message"