

### 1. A few days before your small group discussion: Download and/or print out materials from website or app

Based on what you decided as a small group, get your materials ready by:

- Printing out a participant guide for everyone,
- Reminding them to print it out themselves, or having it available in the app

### 2. A few days before, or the day of: Prepare for discussion

- a. Watch the video and/or read the script
- b. Highlight or make note of specific phrases that are interesting or give a new perspective
- c. Read through the questions.
- d. Decide in which order you would like to ask the questions, and which questions you would like to use, skip, or ask a different way. Think about the members of your group and how different questions, or the way you ask them, might stimulate a good discussion.
- e. Come up with one or two questions of your own if you feel comfortable doing that.
- f. Consider an “ice-breaker” question at the beginning of your time together such as:
  - How has your week been so far?
  - What is one thing from Sunday’s service that stuck with you this week?
  - Is there anything happening in your life that you would like your small group to pray over?
  - What is a Bible verse or song that you’ve been thinking about lately? Why?
  - There are also resources available to help with these discussions, such as Story Cards: <https://store.northpoint.org/products/story-cards-updated-edition>
- g. Read through the references – Bible verses, Catechism points, etc.
- h. Be sure to consider how you will manage the time - discussions should be kept between 60 to 90 minutes (based on your group’s commitment). Don’t run over without the permission of the group as it suggests you don’t value their time.

### 3. The day of: Prepare your space

- a. Arrive to the location early, and greet your small group participants as they arrive.
- b. Keep in mind that you want to create a space where people feel comfortable, so think about where you will sit, and be sure that everyone can see each other’s faces.
- c. If you have an extra Bible or two, make them available in case someone forgets theirs.
- d. Have pencils, pens and some paper or notepads available for note-taking.
- e. If you are watching a video, be sure to test out how you will play it and be sure everyone can see and hear it.
- f. Consider providing some snacks and drinks, and encourage others to bring something to share.

### 4. Ongoing: Invest in training - Leverage the resources available for facilitators on [ndi.nac-usa.org](http://ndi.nac-usa.org)