

# **GIG Training**

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## **John 1:43-51**

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." Then Nathanael declared, "**Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.**" Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

## **What is a GIG?**

GIGs are small group or a one on one gathering where Christians teach the Bible to their non-Christian friends.

They are designed for non-Christians who would otherwise feel uncomfortable in a more formal religious context. The GIG creates a wonderful opportunity for the Christian to take an active role of spiritual leadership and care in the life of their friend.

## **What do you need to learn?**

## **What do you hope the result will be?**

### **I NEED TO LEARN...**

- "I need to learn how to present the Bible without being offensive."
- "How do I think about things from a non-Christian's perspective?"
- "How can I help GIGs build on each other, week-to-week?"

### **RESULTS...**

- “I’ll have the guts to ask a friend to do a GIG”
- “I’ll know how to pick passages and prepare well”
- “I’ll know how to lead a GIG... I’ll know what to do”

**Who is someone you could invite into a GIG this week? What do you need to learn tonight?**

## **Trust & Curiosity**

- **Friendship First (trust)**
  - Do what they do
  - Serve them
  - Other ways?
- **Build curiosity about Jesus**
  - Live and talk as though Jesus is real. Be passionate.
  - Have fun! - break Christian stereotypes
  - Watch your “Christianese”
  - Be vulnerable

## **The Invitation**

- Pray lots! Especially right before.
- Tell them your GIG is a spiritual discussion for people who don’t identify with church
- Tell them it is for people who want to learn in a friendly, learning environment
- Tell them why you think they would personally like Jesus

**Write out how you might invite someone into a GIG. Practice out loud with each other.**

## **Preparing the GIG**

- Pray
- Personally invest yourself in God’s Word and love the Bible for yourself
- Pick passages from the Word that appeal to who your friends are
- Pick passages which highlight Jesus’ life and reveal why he is so unique
- Pick passages that have personally changed your life
- Work hard to understand the passage beforehand and arrive prepared

- Write out questions you might use to get at the main points of the text
- Know that God is *developing* you as a leader. You won't be perfect from the beginning.

***As you think about leading a GIG, what passage could you choose? If not sure, talk it through in your group.***

## **Leading the GIG:**

### **Ground Rules**

1. Be open to spiritual growth and applying what you learn
2. Choose to be curious and ask your questions
3. Answer our questions from the text
4. Treat each other with respect

### **Teaching the Passage**

1. Take a few moments to look over passage
  - What things jump out at you?
  - What questions do you have?
2. Tackle a few questions together (ENJOY the conversation!)
3. Pay attention to what's connecting for them.
4. Don't be afraid to teach. "This is what I see about Jesus here..."

### **Application**

1. Share a personal testimony of how this has been true for you. (ex. "Here's a way I needed healing, I went to Jesus, and he did it.")
2. "If God did this for **me**, he'll do it for **you**, too!"
3. Have a question prepared that causes them to go to Jesus. (ex. "What's one area in your life where you need the healing of Jesus?")

***What's one way Jesus has been real for you this week? One person share, then together come up with an application question.***

**Ultimately, we are leading people to a place where they can make a decision about Jesus.**