

*How to Start a Bible Study*

**Description:** Ready to be ON MISSION in your school? Learn how to be an initiator with your friends in starting a Bible study. This Power Track will equip you in understanding the fundamentals of starting and leading a Bible study with your peers.

**Prompt:** Let the students know one of them will be leading a Bible study. Tell them they need not fear because they have God’s Spirit. Close your eyes, spin around, and point to one of the students. Tell her she has a minute to prepare. Wait for the perspiration to bead up before cuing the Power Track.

**Play:** Video of Carlos Baez, “How to Start a Bible Study” [buildmomentum.org/resources](http://buildmomentum.org/resources)

**Process:** Select from the following questions to help students remember, rekindle and reengage.

- ⏪ Carlos stresses the importance of *investing* in unbelievers before *inviting* them to Bible study. ***What are ways you have invested in unbelievers? Of these people, whom could you invite?***
- ⏪ Pastor Buddy warns against the question, “What does this Scripture mean to you?” ***How is this question dangerous? What would be a better Bible study question?***
- ⏪ ***What do exegesis and eisegesis mean? Which is preferable for Bible study? Why?***
- ⏪ Personal intimacy with God undergirds public service for Him. ***What are three forms of intimacy? How would you rate your intimacy with God as it relates to these three practices?***
- ⏪ Carlos cautions high school seniors about the major transition from graduation to the next phase. ***What are some of the big changes in this transition that harm intimacy with Jesus?***
- ⏪ While the speakers highlight the importance of Bible study, they do not give a template for how to execute one. ***Assuming you have forty-five minutes to an hour with others for a Bible study, how would you divide up the time?*** Consider the following questions:
  - *How would you get started?*
  - *What book of the Bible would you study first?*
  - *How much Scripture would you read each gathering?*
  - *What are they key questions you would ask?*
  - *How would you make space for the Holy Spirit to work?*
  - *What kind of homework would you give?*
  - *How would you close your time together?*

**Pray:** Break students into small groups and encourage each of them to pray for a few unbelieving peers by name. Ask God to give them a clear vision and empower them to start a Bible study. Ask God to reveal Himself intimately to the students through prayer, fasting, and His word.