

BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION GUIDE

Standing on the Promises of God

Five questions designed to move a group from biblical foundations to practical Christian living. Use the brief notes to prepare, then let Scripture and honest conversation do the work.

A HEALTHY GROUP RHYTHM

Read the passage in context. Ask the question without rushing to answer it. Invite more than one perspective. Test conclusions by Scripture. End with a concrete response and prayer.

QUESTION 1

What makes something a genuine promise of God?

How can we avoid claiming a biblical statement given to a particular person or situation as a universal promise to us?

Teacher preparation

Start with the original speaker, audience, setting, and any stated conditions. Christians learn from all Scripture, while receiving God's saving promises through Christ. Read 2 Corinthians 1:20 and Galatians 3:16, 26-29.

Group notes

QUESTION 2

What does it mean to stand on God's promises?

Is standing primarily believing, waiting, obeying, praying, or some combination of these?

Teacher preparation

Standing means trusting God's character, holding firmly to his Word, and continuing in faithful obedience while we wait. It includes faith, prayer, patience, and action. Read Hebrews 10:23, 35-36 and Romans 4:20-21.

Group notes

QUESTION 3

What happens when circumstances seem to contradict the promise?

How should we respond when prayer remains unanswered, suffering continues, or the expected outcome never comes?

Teacher preparation

Faith does not deny pain. Some promises are fulfilled differently or later than we expect, and some reach completion only in eternity. Biblical lament tells the truth while continuing to trust. Read Hebrews 11:13, 39-40 and Romans 8:35-39.

Group notes

QUESTION 4

How are promise and obedience related?

Are some promises conditional, and how do we distinguish faithful obedience from trying to earn or manipulate an outcome?

Teacher preparation

Some promises include responses such as faith, repentance, prayer, or obedience. These responses do not place God in our debt. They are the fitting posture of people receiving grace. Read John 15:7-10 and James 1:22-25.

Group notes

QUESTION 5

How do we make standing on the promises a daily practice?

What habits help believers know, remember, and live by what God has truly said?

Teacher preparation

Study promises in context, memorize and meditate on Scripture, pray God's Word, remember his past faithfulness, and stay connected to Christian community. Then act in obedience before circumstances change. Read Joshua 1:8-9 and Hebrews 10:24-25.

Group notes

Closing response

Which promise or truth will shape the way you pray, wait, obey, or encourage someone this week?

My prayer

One faithful next step
