

Opening Bible Study To-Do's

Remember that those in your study will not have had a lesson to prepare the first time you meet. Therefore, the first time you meet you will want to familiarize those attending with the study, get contact information from them, and if you choose share an introductory talk which can prepare the group for the study by giving general information about the Bible and any portions of the Bible that may precede the study you are doing. The following list may be helpful in your preparations.

- 1) Print enough copies for all attendees of the course Agenda, Introduction to *GOD of the WORD* Bible Studies, Website Access, and Lesson 1 of the study from the website for the first meeting.
- 2) Make one copy of the Attendance Roster and Contact Information sheet from the website for the first meeting, adding dates of your meetings across the top of the attendance roster.
- 3) Make an agenda for yourself of the first meeting (all items to cover and time to spend on each). A sample *GOD of the WORD* Opening Week's Agenda is at the website.
- 4) Familiarize yourself with Introduction to *GOD of the WORD* Bible Studies to present to others.
- 5) Determine whether you will allow time for prayer requests on the first day.
- 6) Prepare and review your introductory talk for first day, if you will give one.
- 7) Pack extra pens, nametags.
- 8) Pray daily that the Lord will
 - a. ...bring those who are hungry for Him to the study, will help them make and keep their commitments to attend, and will soften their hearts so that they hear what the Holy Spirit wants to say to them through the study each week.
 - b. ...make you into the leader He wants you to be, teach you first and foremost before you teach or lead others, and protect your commitment to lead and/or teach.