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Leader's Guide – Introduction

This Leader's Guide is designed to help you use the Workbook in **group settings**—small groups, Sunday school classes, or training cohorts.

Who This Guide Is For

It assumes:

- Each participant has a copy of the Workbook
- You meet for about 60–90 minutes per session
- You want to help ordinary Christians grow in understanding the gospel and talking with real people from different backgrounds

What This Guide Provides

The Workbook speaks directly to participants. This Leader's Guide is for **you as the facilitator**. It:

- Summarizes the **goal** of each session
- Suggests **timing** and a simple **flow**
- Highlights **key points** to emphasize
- Offers **example answers** and prompts you can use if the group stalls

Your Role as Facilitator

You do not need to be an expert in all these religions or worldviews to lead. Your primary role is to:

- Keep the group anchored in Scripture
- Keep pointing back to the core gospel
- Create space for people to practice, not just listen

How to Use This Guide

For each session:

1. Skim the session page before you meet

- Note the main goal

- Highlight any key Scriptures you want to be ready to read

2. Use the suggested flow, but don't feel chained to it

- If discussion is rich and on track, you can linger
- If people are tired, you can shorten or carry over an exercise

3. Keep the Workbook in front of you

- Read the Workbook's prompts out loud
- Use this Guide to remind you what to emphasize, not to replace the Workbook

4. After the session, jot a note

- "What worked well?"
- "Where did we bog down?"
- "What do we need to revisit?"

Over time, you can adjust the timing and emphasis based on how your particular group responds.

How the Field Guide Fits as a Companion

The Workbook and this Leader's Guide are **practice tools**. The **Christian Field Guide** (full book) is your **reference and deep background**.

When to Reach for the Field Guide

It will help when:

- You want more detailed comparisons and charts of specific religions and worldviews
- Participants ask questions that go beyond the Workbook's scope
- You want to prepare more thoroughly for a particular group (for example, Muslims or Catholics)

Practical Ways to Use It

Practically, you can:

- Use the Field Guide's **section on LDS** to double-check the summary in the Workbook's LDS lab
- Use the Field Guide's **worldview tables** to clarify how another religion answers the six questions
- Use the Field Guide's **sections on Scripture and doctrine** when participants are fuzzy on basics

A Simple Pattern

A simple pattern for you as a leader might be:

- **Before a session:** skim the relevant Field Guide section (e.g., LDS, JW's, SBNR, etc.) so you have confidence on key differences
- **During a session:** stick mainly to the Workbook and Scripture; use this Guide for prompts
- **After a session:** if tough questions came up, look them up in the Field Guide and bring a brief follow-up summary next time

GO DEEPER

When you need more than the Workbook or this Guide offers, reach for the full **Christian Field Guide**. Think of it this way: the **Workbook** is the lab manual for practice, this **Leader's Guide** is the facilitation notes for the lab, and the **Field Guide** is the reference library behind the lab.

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Getting Ready: Heart, Story, Gospel

Workbook: Section 1.1–1.3

Main goal: Shape the group's posture and give them a simple, shared way of telling the Bible's big story and the core gospel.

Suggested timing (60–90 minutes)

1. Opening & frame — 5–10 min
2. 1.1 Heart posture — 15–20 min
3. 1.2 Big story in four moves — 15–20 min
4. 1.3 Core gospel — 15–20 min
5. Wrap-up & prayer — 10–15 min

Step-by-step flow

1. OPENING & FRAME (5–10 MIN)

Read 1 Peter 3:15–16 aloud.

Say something like:

- "This Workbook is not about being clever or winning debates. It's about being ready to explain our hope with gentleness and respect."

Briefly explain the three parts of today:

- Heart posture
- Bible's big story
- Core gospel

BIBLE PASSAGE TO READ TOGETHER

1 Peter 3:15–16

The verse behind this whole Workbook and Leader's Guide: revere Christ as Lord, be ready to give the reason for your hope, and do it with gentleness and respect.