

## ***Introduction...***

From the middle school student to the college graduate, from the stay-at-home mom to the CEO, from the church leader to the inmate...we all have questions! When there is no human who can provide an answer, to whom do you turn?

The Bible is the inspired word of God written for the benefit of all humanity (see: 2 Timothy 3:14-17). God so greatly desired a relationship with his children that He recorded His word and activities in a book which has been passed down from generation to generation for thousands of years. Sadly, many people have never taken the opportunity to thoroughly investigate God's word or made daily Bible reading a part of their life.

The purpose of FIGW is to provide an easy opportunity to sit down with your family, spouse, or a friend a couple of times each week and learn *together* about Christ's trial, death, resurrection, and the early church as recorded in Scripture. The design provides a daily reading (and additional Scriptures), twelve devotionals (two each week for six weeks), and thought provoking questions that connect with the readings. Make a decision to give it a try for six weeks with your family and prepare to be blessed!

### ***Tips for Your Devotional Time...***

The following ideas have been helpful to other individuals and families in creating and maintaining a devotional time with God. These are passed on in hopes of blessing you:

- 1. Chose a convenient time and stick with it!** If you are planning to do the devotionals, choose two evenings or mornings per week when your family can be together. Some use supper time or just before bed. Usually it is best to keep it at the same time on the same days.
- 2. Eliminate all distractions.** Turn off all noise (TV, computer, radio, stereo, cell phone, and unplug the telephone). Most families are amazed how quiet their home can become just by turning things off.
- 3. Involve everyone (all ages).** If your children are old enough (using a Bible they can read) have them read the passage or the questions. Allow them to go first on the question, but then make sure you answer them too.
- 4. Welcome all questions!** If you don't know the answer, write it down and bring it to an elder or minister for advice. There is nothing wrong with saying, "Good question! I am not sure of the answer, but I will try to find out."
- 5. Always include a time of prayer together.** Some people like to record all prayer requests and answers in a notebook called a "prayer journal". Others like to sit in a circle and allow each family member to pray for their concerns. The main thing is PRAY!

***NOW...LET'S GET STARTED!***