Basic Structure for Every Class

A flexible, repeatable meeting framework • Ongoing open enrollment

Mission and three pillars

Mission (proposed): Grow together as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ by knowing His Word, applying His teaching to daily life, and sharing the Gospel; strengthening one another through prayer, study, discussion, practice, and encouragement.

KNOW CHRIST — Scripture, doctrine, interpretation, discernment. | WALK WITH CHRIST — prayer, love, service, character, daily decisions. | SHARE CHRIST — Gospel conversations, apologetics, witness, and helping others grow.

Non-negotiables

- Opening prayer: invite God's guidance and pray for the group.
- Relevant Scripture: read the day's passage(s), examine context, and distinguish text from interpretation.
- Open biblical examination: participants can interrupt respectfully whenever they do not understand or disagree; return to Scripture immediately, or record unresolved questions for follow-up.
- Closing prayer: respond to what was learned and pray for opportunities to live it.

Suggested 60-minute rhythm (adapt as needed)

Segment	Typical time	Facilitator focus
Opening prayer and welcome	5 min	Welcome newcomers; invite prayer needs without pressure.
Scripture in context	10 min	Read, observe, interpret, cross-reference; explain terms.
Main lesson and guided discussion	15 min	One biblical responsibility or question; allow open inquiry.
Practice / application workshop	15 min	Case study, role-play, testimony, apologetics, or service planning.
Discipleship in Action debrief	10 min	Real experiences: what happened, what helped, what to study next.
Takeaway and closing prayer	5 min	One voluntary action or question to pursue this week.

The timings are illustrative, not mandatory. The Scripture and prayer elements stay; the rest can expand, contract, or change order based on the discussion.

Facilitator's recurring questions

- What does the passage actually say, and what is its context?
- What is commanded, promised, described, or left open to interpretation?
- How does this help us know Christ, walk with Christ, or share Christ?
- What might this look like in a real conversation or decision?

- What objections or difficult questions might arise?
- What could we try before the next meeting?

Practical activity menu

Activity	Examples
Bible study skills	Context, genre, cross-references, word meanings, parallel passages.
Application	Forgiveness, serving a neighbor, prayer, family decisions, integrity.
Evangelism	Identify receptive opportunities; conversation openers; Gospel explanation; listening and follow-up.
Apologetics	Present an objection fairly; examine evidence; practice a respectful response.
Group learning	Invite experienced participants to demonstrate; share testimony; peer coaching.
Reflection	What worked, what did not, what was unanswered, what to revisit.

Open-enrollment practices

- Begin with a one-minute orientation to the mission, three pillars, and right to ask questions.
- Make every meeting useful on its own; summarize necessary background.
- Offer participation without pressure; pair newcomers with an experienced participant when helpful.
- Maintain a "questions to investigate" list and a running evangelism field guide.
- Do not confuse role-play performance or number of conversions with spiritual worth or faithfulness.

Simple preparation checklist

- Select a practical biblical question or responsibility.
- Choose primary Scripture and two or three supporting references.
- Prepare an accessible real-life scenario and an optional deeper challenge.
- Plan one practice activity and one possible take-home action.
- Review outstanding questions and prior real-world experiences.