

How to Get the Most Out of the *Faith Connections Leader's Guide*

Here are some helpful tips to get the most out of the *Faith Connections Leader's Guide* material:

O Prepare: Spend ample time reading over the session (session passage, exposition, and discussion guide) several times in preparation.

Take time to reflect on the message of the passage and session content (outcome, questions, direction, and so on) throughout the week. Consider writing down any thoughts, reflections, and insights you have leading up to that week's session.

O Use all the material within the leader's guide:

o Unit Articles: These are designed to give you background to the unit material being covered. Think about ways to incorporate the information into your teaching material and discussion.

o Faith Connections Bible Study Guide Material: This material helps prepare you to, along with your group, dig deeper into the Bible passage studied that week.

o Discussion Guide: Each section is designed to help your group go deeper into the Word. Before each set of questions, we give context (background information) that helps you understand the meaning and direction of the questions. This can also be used to share with group members.

o Discussion Ideas and Questions: Although we provide ample material to lead your group, we certainly understand that teachers know their group best and may add their own questions in addition to the discussion guide content.

O Take advantage of the extra resources available:

o Illustrated Bible Life is a resource designed specifically to complement the *Faith Connections Leader's Guide*. There is one article and verse-by-verse commentary for each session. Its purpose is to enrich Bible study by providing more extensive Bible background. There are also questions at the end of each article that can be incorporated into your teaching content.

o **FoundryLeader.com.** (Leader’s guide content, customizable session notes, PowerPoints for each session, unit videos [featuring leading Wesleyan leaders and scholars that can be for personal use and/or shown in your group], and *Illustrated Bible Life* online content and podcasts.)

O For further growth of your group, consider the following resources:*

o *Reflecting God:* Daily devotionals that focus the reader on Scripture passages related to the upcoming Faith Connections’ session. Great for group members, church members, visitors, shut-ins, family, and friends.

o *STANDARD:* This resource offers inspirational stories and engaging activities in a 4-page format. All content follows the theme of Adult Faith Connections. Great for group members, visitors, and shut-ins.

Adult Faith Connections . . .

. . . is thoroughly biblical and relevant. From Genesis to Revelation, our resources teach the inspired Word of God. Sessions are intended to lead participants into a life-changing encounter with biblical truth and equip them to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others.

. . . provides foundational truths for holy living. We are dedicated to carrying the gospel to each generation. Our teaching methods provide participants with the opportunity for authentic life change and spiritual formation through the power of the Holy Spirit.

. . . is committed to providing resources that equip leaders and participants for a lifetime of holy living.

*To order *Reflecting God* and *STANDARD*, visit our website, www.thefoundrypublishing.com, or call 1-800-877-0700.