

Bible Sharing

Seven steps of Bible sharing (LUMKO Institute, South-Africa)

FIRST STEP

We open ourselves to the presence of God

The facilitator asks: "Who would like to invite Jesus in a prayer or a spiritual song?"

SECOND STEP

We listen to the word of God

The facilitator says: "We want to read the Book of /Gospel of ...

(When everyone has found the passage:) Who would like to read the passage?"

After the reading, the facilitator can ask: "Would someone else like to read it again, maybe in a different translation?"

THIRD STEP

We meditate on the text

The facilitator says: "Which words strike you in a special way?"

Please read aloud a word or phrase that has impressed you. After each word or phrase, we repeat what we have heard silently to ourselves three or four times.

After this moment of silence, someone else continues to read aloud a word or phrase.

Words or phrases may be read more than once."

FOURTH STEP

We spend some time in silence before God.

The facilitator says: "We spend some time in silence before God and will be silent for ... minutes."

FIFTH STEP

We share what touched us

The facilitator says: "We share with each other what has touched us or what has made us angry.

We do not enter into a discussion on "right" and "wrong". We listen to each other and share our thoughts."

SIXTH STEP

We look at our life and work in the light of the Gospel

The facilitator says: "We look at our life and the work that lies ahead of us in the light of the Gospel. None of what we discuss needs to have a direct connection to the Bible passage, which we have read and shared. However, things look different when God is allowed to be present."

SEVENTH STEP

We pray together

The facilitator says: "We take what is on our minds in a few words towards God. We may pray silently or aloud."

After some time the facilitator asks: "Who would like to close our Bible sharing with a prayer or a spiritual song?"

Umsetzung in der internationalen Jugendarbeit/Partnerschaftsarbeit:

Am Fachtag nutzten wir Skype, um mit unseren Partnern in Malaysia in den Austausch zu kommen. Nach einer Vorstellungsrunde und kurzen Hinweisen zum Ablauf der folgenden Bibelarbeit schalteten wir die Bildübertragung ab, um eine stabilere Tonübertragung zu gewährleisten.

Zu beachten sind:

- Welcher Onlinedienst eignet sich am besten für die Videokonferenz, um eine möglichst gute Übertragung an alle Beteiligten zu ermöglichen?
- Wie kann die Sitzordnung gewählt werden, damit alle sich gegenseitig gut wahrnehmen können?
- Braucht es ein Mikrofon oder alternative Absprachen, damit alle sich an der Bibelarbeit aktiv beteiligen können und gehört werden?

Reflexion der Bibelarbeit am Fachtag:

Mit Hilfe von www.answergarden.ch reflektierten wir im Anschluss gemeinsam mit allen Teilnehmenden der Bibelarbeit das eigene Erleben und tauschten Anregungen für Verbesserungen bei möglichen nächsten digitalen Bibelarbeiten aus.

The screenshot shows the AnswerGarden website interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the logo "AnswerGarden" and a search icon. Below the header, the page title "Weltweitdigital" is displayed. A search bar contains the text "Type your answer here..." and indicates "40 characters remaining". The main content area features a word cloud of feedback comments. The most prominent words and phrases are "nothing - it was perfect", "excited!!", "very good - it's a great opportunity", "good focussing on the psalm only by voice", "use name tag or writing for introduction", and "be more opened". Other visible comments include "a smoother network with visual~", "a deeper introduction of the", "have more time than 30 minutes", "better introduction of participants", "great that this is possible", "keep the video stream", "it was great to hear other perspectives", "it was new, more routine makes it easier", "have a signal for each group", "it was difficult to share more deeply", "we couldn't see all of the malaysians :(", "i feel blessed can connect wit foreigner", "i feel kind of excited and interested.", "good experience! i feel a closeness", "i would have liked to hear more.", "it is great to hear other views", "should we have more video channels?", "more time for sharing", "have people from more countries", "the video connection was very nice.", "greater experience of the global church", "it's an interesting experience.", "thank you for the devotion", and "i felt kind of excited and interested."