TIMELINE Seeking God

PURPOSE

Understand their spiritual journey up to now & work towards studying the Bible regularly.

TEACHER TIPS

It is a good idea to start this study with a good discussion about each other's spiritual or religious background. The more you get to know about their personal background, the more you will be able to help them apply the Scriptures to their life.

This is a conversation, not an interrogation. Perhaps you can start by saying something like this: "Before studying the Bible together, it helps to share about our spiritual journeys - where we come from & what we believe..."

1 Thessalonians 2:8

What are the two things this scripture says were "shared?" When we open the scriptures, we also open our lives.

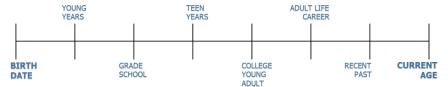
A Spiritual Timeline:

This is a helpful exercise to mark significant spiritual events.

[After filling this in, the person leading the bible study will hold onto it for future studies]

Draw a horizontal line from their birth day [0] to current age.

As questions are answered, label them on the timeline:



What are some significant spiritual events you'd put on this timeline?

- * Would you say you are a Christian? If so, when did you become one?
- * What church(es) did you go to?
- * Have you personally studied the bible?
- * Were you saved? How did that happen?
- * Do you believe your sins were forgiven? If so, when?
- * Were you baptized?
- * Did you receive the Holy Spirit?
- * How would you teach someone else to become a Christian?

Acts 17:24-27

Why does He set up times & places for us? Why do you think God led us to each other today?

Jeremiah 29:11-13

What's a practical way we can seek God with all our hearts?

CLOSING INSTRUCTION

- * Those leading the study can share how they started seeking God.
 * Explain there are some great Bible Studies you would love to do together.
 * Set up next study. Extend an invitation to church or small group.