

Operation WorldView

Leader Guide

A step-by-step guide for
small group facilitators



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INTRODUCTION

LEADER QUALIFICATIONS

THE TIME TO INVEST

To lead this small group study of Operation WorldView, *you will need to invest about 90 minutes in weekly preparation for each lesson* by following the instructions under “Before the Session.”

A HEART FOR OTHERS

Be reminded of the Christian character qualities evident in a servant leader:

- *Pray* for others in your group and demonstrate genuine concern.
- *Depend* on the Holy Spirit to learn powerful important truths.
- *Believe* that God is doing *and will do* wonderful things through this study.

This *Leader Guide* provides specific steps for each of three areas of preparation:

- Before the Session
- During the Session
- After the Session

Follow these guidelines and you *will* have a powerful, life-changing study experience.

CHOOSE YOUR SCHEDULE

This series has been designed to offer flexibility for you as the leader. Figure out the best scheduling approach for your small group, using the chart on the next page.

ORDER THE STUDY GUIDES

Calculate the number of Study Guides you will need, and place your order with Mission ONE:

- Office: Toll-free 877-649-5866
- Web site: www.mission1.org/OpWV.html
- Questions? Contact Werner Mischke: werner@mission1.org

A LEADER'S VISIONARY PRAYER

As individuals and churches explore their destiny in God's Story, there is great potential for new involvement in our Lord's Great Commission. Therefore, would you set aside a time of prayer to personalize this heart-cry (below) of the Apostle Paul? Attach names and faces in your mind to this prayer that calls us to experience new dimensions of the love of Christ—for all the families of the earth, through His church—for the glory of God.

*“For this reason I bow my knees
before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven
and on earth derives its name,
that He would grant you,
according to the riches of His glory,
to be strengthened with power
through His Spirit in the inner man,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts
through faith; and that you,
being rooted and grounded in love,
may be able to comprehend with all the
saints what is the breadth and length
and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ
which surpasses knowledge,
that you may be filled up
to all the fullness of God.
Now to Him who is able to do
far more abundantly beyond
all that we ask or think, according to
the power that works within us,
to Him be the glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus to all generations
forever and ever. Amen.”*

—Ephesians 3:14–21

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THREE SCHEDULING OPTIONS FOR THIS STUDY SERIES

The key to choosing one of these options is determining how much group time to devote to reviewing the “On your own” Bible studies (on pages 8, 12, 16, 20, 23, 27–28, 31–32, and 37). These studies are to be completed by participants “on their own” following each of the eight sessions. The Bible studies add clarity and richness to the video teachings, and there is added value in being able to reflect as a group on what participants are gaining as they explore God’s Word.



| | OPTION 1 <i>Standard short study</i> | OPTION 2 <i>Intensive short study</i> | OPTION 3 <i>Intensive long study</i> |
|--|---|---|---|
| HOW “ON YOUR OWN” BIBLE STUDY IS HANDLED | “On your own” is not reviewed during session time | “On your own” is reviewed—either at beginning of session or at separately scheduled time of week | Video session on weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15; “On your own” reviewed on weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16 |
| WEEKS REQUIRED | 8 | 8 | 16 |
| TIME REQUIRED PER SESSION | 60–75 minutes | 1 session weekly: 75–90 minutes, OR 2 sessions weekly: 60–75 minutes each | 60–75 minutes |
| FEATURES | Fast pace Requires least time commitment Does not provide for small group to reflect on what individuals have gained by doing “On your own” studies | Moderate pace Requires more time Greater potential for enrichment, motivation, and connection | Slower pace Requires most time; longest duration Greater potential for enrichment, motivation, and connection |

If your schedule permits, the most effective approach is probably Option 2, the “Intensive short study.”

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BIBLICAL: PART 1

OPERATION WORLDVIEW SESSION 1

The Story of His Glory / Basic concepts

Lesson Goals: 1) Teach from Psalm 96 and the life of Abraham that God's glory among all peoples is the ultimate theme of Scripture, the ultimate fuel for mission, and the central goal of life. 2) Show that followers of Jesus Christ are spiritual descendants of Abraham and are *in The Story!*



BEFORE THE SESSION

- Read a portion of *The Story of His Glory* (pp. 39–43 in this Study Guide)
- Pray for the members of your small group by name
- Watch the video of *Biblical, Part 1* and fill in the blanks (pp. 6–7)
- Rewind and cue up the video for *Biblical, Part 1*
- Review the discussion questions (p. 7)
- Set up TV-VCR and meeting room
- IMPORTANT:** Cue up* the “Abraham” video clip at approximately 2:22:25 (*two hours, 22 minutes, 25 seconds after the video begins*). Or fast forward to the end, and then rewind to approximately 12 minutes before the end of the film. *The key image to look for onscreen is the transition where it says: “Six years later.”*
- Plan your small group session


| TIME | ACTIVITY |
|-------|--------------------------------------|
| _____ | Arrival activities |
| _____ | Watch video teaching: 22 min. |
| _____ | Watch “Abraham” clip: 10 min. |
| _____ | Watch rest of video teaching: 4 min. |
| _____ | Discuss the lesson |
| _____ | Closing and prayer |

* This is the only time in the whole series when the facilitator is asked to cue up another video and exchange videocassettes “mid-lesson.” The company which owns the “Abraham” film denied permission to “edit in” the desired footage.

DURING THE SESSION

- Arrival/Introduction/Prayer: 5–15 min.
-  Watch *Biblical, Part 1*: 22 min.
- Eject the Operation WorldView videocassette* and insert the “Abraham” video which you previously cued up. Play to end of film: 10 min.
- Eject “Abraham” video; insert *Biblical, Part 1* back into VCR. Watch to end of lesson: 4 min.
-  Lead discussion of questions from bottom of page 7: 10–20 min.
- Remind participants of the importance of doing the “On your own” Bible study on page 8 as a follow-up to the lesson.
- Highly recommended:* Assign accountability partners for doing the “On your own” Bible study
- Close in prayer

AFTER THE SESSION

-  Complete the “On your own” Bible study on page 8

It is VITAL to get off to a good start. Please make the effort to prepare spiritually and practically for this first session. Follow the guidelines; you will see God at work in a rewarding way.

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BIBLICAL: PART 2

OPERATION WORLDVIEW SESSION 2

The Story of His Glory / Examples from Scripture

Lesson Goals: 1) Show God’s passion for His glory from Exodus to Revelation. 2) Show how Jesus Christ is the perfect expression of God’s love for human beings. 3) Show how God’s Story comes to a remote tribal village in New Guinea: “Ee-Taow!”

BEFORE THE SESSION

- Complete the “On your own” Bible study on page 8 (follow-up to Session 1)
- Read the remainder of *The Story of His Glory* (pp. 44–56)
- Pray for the members of your small group by name
- Watch the video of *Biblical, Part 2* including the “Ee-Taow!” video clip, and fill in the blanks (pp. 9–11)
- Cue up the video for *Biblical, Part 2*
- Review the discussion questions (p. 11) and be prepared to make comments
- Set up TV-VCR and meeting room

- Plan your small group session

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
|-------|---|
| _____ | Arrival activities |
| _____ | <i>Optional:</i> Discuss “On your own” Bible study (p. 8) |
| _____ | Watch video teaching and “Ee-Taow!”— 46 min. |
| _____ | Discuss the lesson |
| _____ | Closing and prayer |

DURING THE SESSION

- Arrival/Introduction/Prayer: 5–10 min.
- Optional:* Discuss “On your own” Bible study (p. 8): 20–30 min.



- Watch *Biblical, Part 2* (including “Ee-Taow!”): 46 min.



- Lead discussion of questions from bottom of page 11: 10–15 min.

- Remind participants of the importance of doing the “On your own” Bible study on page 12 as a follow-up to the lesson.

- Close in prayer

AFTER THE SESSION



- Complete the “On your own” Bible study on page 12

This lesson has more video content than other sessions—a total of 46 minutes. Try to get started a little earlier with the video teaching to allow for small group discussion at the end.

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HISTORICAL: PART 1

OPERATION WORLDVIEW SESSION 3

The Kingdom Strikes Back / Concepts and biblical history

Lesson Goals: 1) Describe the concept of the “four mission mechanisms” which God uses to accomplish His global purpose. 2) Illustrate these concepts from biblical history. 3) Involve participants in discovering these principles for themselves through the small group Bible study.

BEFORE THE SESSION

- Complete the “On your own” Bible study on page 12 (follow-up to Session 2)
- Pray for the members of your small group by name
- Watch the video of *Historical, Part 1* and fill in the blanks (pp. 13–14)
- Cue up the video for *Historical, Part 1*
- Review the Small Group Bible Study (p.15), and fill in the blanks for the top two or three portions yourself.
NOTE: Be prepared to give your participants instructions for the Bible study. *The instructions are not shown on the video.*

- Set up TV-VCR and meeting room
- Plan your small group session

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| _____ | Arrival activities |
| _____ | <i>Optional:</i> Discuss “On your own” Bible study (p. 12) |
| _____ | Watch video teaching: 13 min. |
| _____ | Small Group Bible Study: 20–30 min. |
| _____ | Watch rest of video teaching: 7 min. |
| _____ | Discuss the lesson |
| _____ | Closing and prayer |

NOTE: The article, “*The Kingdom Strikes Back: Ten Epochs of Redemptive History*” is available as a free download from the Free Resources section of Mission ONE’s web site: www.mission1.org

DURING THE SESSION

- Arrival/Introduction/Prayer: 5–15 min.
- Optional:* Discuss “On your own” Bible study (p. 12): 20–30 min.



- Watch *Historical, Part 1*: 13 min.

- Conduct Small Group Bible Study: 20–30 min. Give the following instructions to your participants:
 - a) Instruct everyone to turn to page 15
 - b) Divide into eight groups of two or three—or whatever is appropriate for the overall number of participants
 - c) Assign Scripture passage(s) to each group, and ask them to fill in the blanks
 - d) Give groups 10–15 minutes to look up their verses and fill in the blanks
 - e) Ask each group to pick a spokesperson. Briefly review answers together: 10–15 min.



- Finish watching video lesson: 7 min.



- Lead discussion of questions from bottom of page 15: 10–15 min.

- Remind participants to do the “On your own” Bible study on page 16.
- Close in prayer

AFTER THE SESSION



- Complete the “On your own” Bible study on page 16

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HISTORICAL: PART 2

OPERATION WORLDVIEW SESSION 4

The Kingdom Strikes Back / Examples from church history



Lesson Goals: 1) Show the four mission mechanisms at work in church history and modern times. 2) Show that the Bible and the lessons of history demonstrate both a *high view of God* (He is sovereign Lord, above history)—and a *high view of man* (man has been given great responsibility in the Story of God, with significant consequences for obedience or disobedience).

BEFORE THE SESSION


- Complete the “On your own” Bible study on page 16 (follow-up to Session 3)
- Pray for the members of your small group by name
- Watch the video of *Historical, Part 2* and fill in the blanks (pp. 17–18)
- Cue up the video for *Historical, Part 2*
- Review the discussion questions (p. 18) and be prepared to make comments
- Set up TV-VCR and meeting room
- Plan your small group session

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
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| _____ | Arrival activities |
| _____ | <i>Optional:</i> Discuss “On your own” Bible study (p. 16) |
| _____ | Watch video teaching: 25 min. |
| _____ | Discuss the lesson |
| _____ | Closing and prayer |

DURING THE SESSION

- Arrival/Introduction/Prayer: 5–15 min.
- Optional:* Discuss “On your own” Bible study (p. 16): 20–30 min.
-  Watch *Historical, Part 2*: 25 min.
-  Lead discussion of questions from page 18: 10–15 min.
- Point out the “Morning Prayer” by St. Patrick on page 19; suggest using it for morning prayers in the coming week
- Remind participants of the importance of doing the “On your own” Bible study on page 20 as a follow-up to the lesson
- Suggest opportunities to allow more time for informal fellowship (*see below*)
- Close in prayer

AFTER THE SESSION

-  Complete the “On your own” Bible study on page 20

This is the mid-point of Operation WorldView. In the coming week, provide some added encouragement to the participants in your group. Suggest they get together in groups of two to four to share about ways God is working through this study.

- meet for coffee or lunch
- have a social event
- get together for dinner
- do a three-way telephone call

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CULTURAL: PART 1

OPERATION WORLDVIEW SESSION 5

Discipling Nations / Basic worldview concepts

Lesson Goals: 1) Define “worldview” and describe the three basic worldviews: animism, secularism, and theism—showing that biblical theism views the universe as being ultimately for relationship. 2) Show how beliefs in these three worldviews differ and produce drastically different results. 3) In the video on Uganda, demonstrate the power of Christianity’s “transforming story” for building healthier communities and nations.



BEFORE THE SESSION

- Complete the “On your own” Bible study on page 20 (follow-up to Session 4)
- Pray for the members of your small group by name
- Watch the video of *Cultural, Part 1* and fill in the blanks (pp. 21–22)
- Cue up the video for *Cultural, Part 1*
- Review the discussion questions (p. 22) and be prepared to make comments
- Set up TV-VCR and meeting room
- Plan your small group session


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| _____ | Arrival activities |
| _____ | <i>Optional:</i> Discuss “On your own” Bible study (p. 20) |
| _____ | Watch video teaching: 40 min. |
| _____ | Discuss the lesson |
| _____ | Closing and prayer |

DURING THE SESSION

- Arrival/Introduction/Prayer: 5–15 min.
- Optional:* Discuss “On your own” Bible study (p. 20): 20–30 min.
-  Watch *Cultural, Part 1* (including video on Uganda from “Transformations II”): 40 min.
-  Lead discussion of questions from bottom of page 22: 10–15 min.
- Remind participants of the importance of doing the “On your own” Bible study on page 23 as a follow-up to the lesson.
- Close in prayer

AFTER THE SESSION

-  Complete the “On your own” Bible study on page 23

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CULTURAL: PART 2

OPERATION WORLDVIEW SESSION 6

The Romance of the Universe



Lesson Goals: 1) Describe the awesome size of the universe. 2) Describe the darkness of nihilism, and why the fine-tuning and beauty of the universe represents a philosophical problem for nihilism. 3) Show why the awesome beauty of the universe is consistent with the biblical revelation that it was made for a sacred Romance of Christ and His Bride. 4) Explain that giving yourself to world missions means full participation in this Romance.

BEFORE THE SESSION


- Complete the “On your own” Bible study on page 23 (follow-up to Session 5)
- Pray for the members of your small group by name
- Watch the video of *Cultural, Part 2* and fill in the blanks (pp. 24–25)
- Cue up the video for *Cultural, Part 2*
- Review the discussion questions (p. 25) and be prepared to make comments
- Set up TV-VCR and meeting room
- Plan your small group session

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
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| _____ | Arrival activities |
| _____ | <i>Optional:</i> Discuss “On your own” Bible study (p. 23) |
| _____ | Watch video teaching: 29 min. |
| _____ | Discuss the lesson |
| _____ | Closing and prayer |

DURING THE SESSION

- Arrival/Introduction/Prayer: 5–15 min.
- Optional:* Discuss “On your own” Bible study (p. 23): 20–30 min.
- Watch *Cultural, Part 2*: 29 min.
 At the appropriate point in the video teaching, have participants follow along with the reading, “Wine for the Bride,” on page 26.
- Lead discussion of questions from bottom of page 25: 10–15 min.

- Remind participants of the importance of doing the “On your own” Bible study on pages 27–28 as a follow-up to the lesson
- Close in prayer

AFTER THE SESSION

- Complete the “On your own” Bible study on pages 27–28


The “On your own” Bible study (pp. 27–28) is important, tying together much of what has been covered thus far in Operation WorldView. The study connects the concepts of God’s glory and opposition to idolatry—with God’s deeply relational love and His global mission to bless all peoples.

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STRATEGIC: PART 1

OPERATION WORLDVIEW SESSION 7

The Challenge of the Unfinished Task



Lesson Goals: 1) Review key principles about the glory of God and world missions. 2) Describe in brief the status of world evangelization. 3) Explore the relative scarcity of resources that are provided by church members for mission to the unevangelized world. 4) Challenge participants to evaluate themselves and pursue their glorious destiny in God's Story.

BEFORE THE SESSION


- Complete the "On your own" Bible study on pages 27–28 (follow-up to Session 6)
- Pray for the members of your small group by name
- Watch the video of *Strategic, Part 1* and fill in the blanks (pp. 29–30)
- Cue up the video for *Strategic, Part 1*
- Review the discussion questions (p. 31), and be prepared to make comments
- Set up TV-VCR and meeting room
- Plan your small group session

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
|-------|--|
| _____ | Arrival activities |
| _____ | <i>Optional:</i> Discuss "On your own" Bible study (pp. 27–28) |
| _____ | Watch video teaching: 38 min. |
| _____ | Discuss the lesson |
| _____ | Closing and prayer |

DURING THE SESSION

- Arrival/Introduction/Prayer: 5–15 min.
- Optional:* Discuss "On your own" Bible study (pp. 27–28): 20–30 min.
-  Watch *Strategic, Part 1* (including "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task"): 38 min.
-  Lead discussion of questions from top of page 31: 10–15 min.
- Remind participants of the importance of doing the "On your own" Bible study on pages 31–32 as a follow-up to the lesson
- Close in prayer

AFTER THE SESSION

-  Complete the "On your own" Bible study on pages 31–32

Note: If you desire that your group be informed about the ministry of Mission ONE, then use the lesson guide below (Operation WorldView Session 8/version 1). However, if after viewing the video of *Strategic: Part 2*, you prefer not to show your group the material about Mission ONE, then simply turn to version 2 of this session (page 74) and use the lesson guide which accompanies “The Harvest” at the very end of the last Operation WorldView videocassette.

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STRATEGIC: PART 2

OPERATION WORLDVIEW SESSION 8 / VERSION 1

Mission ONE in God’s Story / “The Harvest”



Lesson Goals: 1) Describe the various ministry programs and services of Mission ONE to mobilize the Church for partnership with national missionaries. 2) Conclude the Operation WorldView Study Series by watching “The Harvest” and closing with group discussion and prayer.

BEFORE THE SESSION


- Complete the “On your own” Bible study, pages 31–32 (follow-up to Session 7)
- Pray for the members of your small group by name
- Watch the video of *Strategic, Part 2* and fill in the blanks (pp. 33–34)
- Cue up the video for *Strategic, Part 2*
- Set up TV-VCR and meeting room
- Plan your small group session

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
|-------|--|
| _____ | Arrival activities |
| _____ | <i>Optional:</i> Discuss “On your own” Bible study (pp. 31–32) |
| _____ | Watch video on Mission ONE and “The Harvest:” 48 min. |
| _____ | Discuss the lesson |
| _____ | Pray together |
| _____ | Closing |

DURING THE SESSION

- Arrival/Introduction/Prayer: 5–15 min.
- Optional:* Discuss “On your own” Bible study (pp. 31–32): 20–30 min.
-  Watch *Strategic, Part 2* (including “The Harvest”): 46 min.
-  Lead discussion of questions from page 36: 10–15 min., *or...*
- Use the time remaining to pray together
- Remind participants of the importance of doing the “On your own” Bible study on page 37 as a follow-up to the lesson. Tell them this study deals with the principles of *partnership* in the Great Commission.
- Close in prayer

AFTER THE SESSION

-  Complete the “On your own” Bible study on page 37.

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STRATEGIC: PART 2

OPERATION WORLDVIEW SESSION 8 / VERSION 2

“The Harvest”



Lesson Goals: 1) Challenge participants to consider how they can be involved in “The Harvest.” 2) Conclude the Operation WorldView Study Series with group discussion and prayer.

BEFORE THE SESSION


- Complete the “On your own” Bible study, pages 31–32 (follow-up to Session 7)
- Pray for the members of your small group by name
- Watch the “The Harvest” which is at the end of *Strategic, Part 2*
- Cue up video for “The Harvest” (18 minutes from the end of the last Operation WorldView videocassette)
- Set up TV-VCR and meeting room
- Plan your small group session

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
|-------|--|
| _____ | Arrival activities |
| _____ | <i>Optional:</i> Discuss “On your own” Bible study (pp. 31–32) |
| _____ | Watch “The Harvest:” 17 min. |
| _____ | Discuss the lesson |
| _____ | Pray together |
| _____ | Closing |

DURING THE SESSION

- Arrival/Introduction/Prayer: 5–15 min.
- Optional:* Discuss “On your own” Bible study (pp. 31–32): 20–30 min.
-  Watch “The Harvest:” 17 min.
-  Lead discussion of questions from page 36: 10–15 min.
- Use the time remaining to pray together
- Remind participants of the importance of doing the “On your own” Bible study on page 37 as a follow-up to the lesson. Tell them this study deals with the principles of *partnership* in the Great Commission.
- Close in prayer

AFTER THE SESSION

-  Complete the “On your own” Bible study on page 37.

This brings us to the end of Operation WorldView. Thank you for investing in the people of your small group through this study. Your time of preparation, prayer, and concern have been recorded in heaven. Only God knows what beautiful eternal consequences will result from the giving of your time and energy in this study.