

ECLIPSING EMPIRE

SESSION OUTLINE



MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT

Be sure to have a DVD player and TV monitor (or projector and screen), *Eclipsing Empire* DVDs, Discussion Guide handouts downloaded and printed from livingthequestions.com, name tags, optional refreshments, etc. (OPTIONAL: *Whiteboard or flipchart for discussion session*)

ORDER OF EVENTS

Eclipsing Empire has been designed with flexibility in mind. Each session can be completed in a shorter one-hour setting or expanded to fill two hours or more. Below are two suggested orders of events:

A SHORTER SESSION:

- 1) Open with a reading of the Pauline excerpt at the top of the Discussion Guide, a silent centering or spoken prayer.
- 2) Having already read the Participant Reader before the session, discuss any observations or questions from the reading material as a group.
- 3) Preview the questions on the Discussion Guide.
- 4) View DVD.
- 5) As a full group, discuss the questions from the Discussion Guide.
- 6) Confirm the next meeting time and place.
- 7) Close with a Pauline benediction

A LONGER SESSION:

- 1) Warm up with a discussion of any questions or further thoughts from the previous session.
- 2) Read the Pauline excerpt at the top of the Discussion Guide, followed by silent centering or spoken prayer.
- 3) As a group, read the Participant Reader for the session.
- 4) In pairs or groups of three, discuss any observations or questions from the reading material.
- 5) Bring the full group together to share comments or observations from the reading material.
- 6) Preview the questions on the Discussion Guide.
- 7) View DVD.
- 8) In pairs or groups of three, discuss the questions from Discussion Guide.
- 9) Bring the full group together to share comments or observations from the Discussion Guide.
- 10) Confirm the next meeting time and place/refreshment responsibilities, etc.
- 11) Close with a Pauline benediction

PAULINE BENEDICTIONS FOR USE IN CLOSINGS:

2 CORINTHIANS (NRSV)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GALATIANS (NRSV)

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

PHILIPPIANS (NRSV)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.