



Bible Verses and Group Discussion Topics

The following verses are intended to be used by the groups to facilitate discussions as part of every meeting that will put the career search in the context of God's Word. These are provided as examples only and there may be many others that the groups can study and discuss that may be even more relevant to their circumstances.

Romans 8:18

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us"

What is meant by this verse?

What is the biggest trial you are facing right now?

How can we keep our eyes and spirit fixed on God's promise?

James 1:12

"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."

What is the biggest challenge you have faced in the past that you overcame?

How could the Lord be glorified through your perseverance?

What has God promised his children?

Hebrews 10:24-25

"Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another...."

How important are friends in these challenging stages of our lives? Our spouse?

What could friends or your spouse most help you to overcome?

What could you help someone else to overcome?

1John 3:16-17

“Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. We ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brothers in need, yet closes his heart against him, how can the love of God be in him.”

How does helping others highlight God’s presence?
Compare Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross to the sacrifices we make daily
What message does this verse convey to you?

Psalm 37:4

“Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart.”

What is meant by, “delighting yourself in the Lord”
How can we do so?
Does God know the desire of your heart?

Matthew 18:21-22

“Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times? Jesus said to him, “I do not say seven times, but up to seventy times seven.”

Do you still have bitterness toward your former employer?
Who is the bitterness most hurting?
How can Jesus’ guidance help?

Philippians 4:6-7

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

What are you most anxious about?
Does God know what you are most thankful for? Do you praise Him?
What does having “the peace of God” feel like? Have you experienced it?

1 Peter 4:10

“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold of God.”

What are your special, God-given gifts?
How could you use these gifts in your future career?

Philippians 2:4

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others”

Why does God implore us to help others, no matter the circumstances?

What benefit might you receive by doing so?
Can you find ways to help others in this group?

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”

Do you know God’s plan for you?
How can you better understand them?
How do you think your plan for life compares to God’s plan?

Ephesians 4:26-27

“Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity.”

How does this verse apply to you?
Do you hold on to anger about previous employer? Your spouse?
What is God encouraging us to do with our anger?

1 Timothy 6:10

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”

How has the love of money impacted your career? Your family?
How can we loosen money’s grip on our career options?
If you reduced your expenses, would you have more/better career options?

Philippians 4:19

“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

What is the difference between needs and wants?
Who defines what our needs are?
Do you and your spouse agree on needs versus wants?

James 4:2-3

“You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”

What are wrong motives?
What is the right motive?

Do you ask God through prayer?

Joshua 1:8

“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

How can we be more faithful in reading the bible?
Can someone in the group share a testimonial?

2 Corinthians 9:8

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

What lessons can we learn from the above about . . .

1. Prosperity?
2. Attaining a full life?
3. Having all that we need?

Romans 8:28

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

How able is He?
Why is He working for us?
What must we do have Him work for us?

John 14:15

“If you love me, you will obey what I command.”

How do we show God we love Him?
Is there anything (undone) that God has been asking you to do?

Isaiah 40:30-31

“Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” (NIV)

Note: "Renew" means, literally, to "exchange". We give up our strength and gain the Lord's strength.
When do we tend to feel weak and in need of strength?

Where are you placing your hope? In employers? In yourself? In God?

Psalms 27:14

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.” (NIV)

"Hope" and "Wait" are often used for the same Hebrew word, depending on the translation. How are they similar concepts? What does it mean to "wait on the Lord"? How can we "be strong and take heart"? How does this apply to the job search?

Matthew 6:25-34

- ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?”
- ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”
- ²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?”
- ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.
- ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.
- ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?”
- ³¹ So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?"
- ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.
- ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
- ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” (NIV)

Discussion questions:

1. Jesus says, "Do not worry". Is this a suggestion or a command?
2. How do we "not worry"?
3. Do we *really* trust God for our food, shelter and clothes?
4. What is the condition Jesus gives us which must be met in order to receive these things?
5. What does it mean to "seek His kingdom and his righteousness"? How do we do it?

The Heavenly Blue Pages (make a copy and keep it in your bible)

(Excerpted from Crossroads Explorer Study Course)

When in Sorrow.....	call John 14
When people fail you.....	call Psalm 27
When you have sinned.....	call Psalm 51
When you worry.....	call Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger.....	call Psalm 91
When God seems far away.....	call Psalm 139
When your faith needs stirring.....	call Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful.....	call Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical.....	call 1Corinthians 13
When you feel down and out.....	call Romans 8:31
When you want peace and rest.....	call Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God.....	call Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance.....	call Romans 8:31
When you leave home for work or travel.....	call Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish.....	call Psalm 67
When you want courage for a task.....	call Joshua 1
When you think of investments and returns.....	call Mark 10
If you are depressed.....	call Psalm 27
If your pocketbook is empty.....	call Psalm 37
If you are losing confidence in people.....	call 1 Corinthians 13
If people seem unkind.....	call John 15
If you are discouraged about your work.....	call Psalm 126
If self-pride/greatness takes hold.....	call Psalm 19
If you want to be fruitful.....	call John 15
For understanding of Christianity.....	call 2 Corinthians 5:15-19
For a great invention/opportunity.....	call Isaiah 55
For how to get along with others.....	call Romans 12
For Paul's secret to happiness.....	call Colossians 3:12-17
For dealing with fear.....	call Psalm 347
For security.....	call Psalm 121:3
For assurance.....	call Mark 8:35
For reassurance.....	call Psalm 145:18

Please Note: Emergency numbers may be dialed direct. No operator assistance is necessary. All lines to Heaven are open 24 hours a day! Please write down the instructions or assistance you receive.