

FACILITATING A WORKTALK GROUP SESSION

These notes are designed to help you if you're intending to facilitate a group in your workplace or church. Here is a list of suggestions to help you make your group a success:

- 1. Decide on your format. Are you going to watch the whole talk in one go, or split it at the break? Are you going to go, therefore, for a seven-part or fourteen-part approach? Are you going to have food at your event (recommended), or simply go for discussion?
- 2. Use the introductory exercises mentioned in the Interactives especially if people don't know each other very well.
- 3. WORKTALK material is very concentrated so you will need to be selective in your discussions. Don't worry about doing all the Interactives or covering all the material. Go where your group wants to go.
- 4. It is helpful if you watch the talk and read the Module before your session so that you have an idea of its content. Don't worry if you are too busy to do this, but it is recommended.
- 5. It is essential that you grasp the foundations of the course i.e. its approach to the cross and the seven sayings. This is explained in the first part of Module One.
- 6. Use the Interactives but don't be bound by them. The principle of facilitation is to use good, open questions to invite discussion.
- 7. Don't be afraid to disagree with the material. Learning often takes place in debate.
- 8. Remember WORKTALK is an integrated program. Each Module will add to your understanding of the other six so keep a journal of what you are doing.
- 9. Include prayer and ministry times by all means but also agree finish times so that busy people can get away.
- 10. In order to help other people enjoy the WORKTALK learning program, do keep feeding back your experiences to us at comms@worktalk.gs so that we can improve the material.