

Description: God calls us to be On Mission where He has placed us. As a student, that starts with your peers at school. Starting your own Bible study with your classmates though can seem like a daunting task. Hear from a high school student who started meeting with a few people to talk about Jesus and the Bible and saw the study grow into something more than he could have expected.

Key verses: John 1:1-15

Prompt: Leading a Bible study does not require a degree in Biblical Studies. Incredible tools abound, helping us understand God's Word, if we put in a little time. **The Bible Project** is a great resource, outlining many of the books of the Bible with captivating videos. Choose one of the videos (www.jointhebibleproject.com) from the series and show it to your students. Tell them they will hear from a high school student who not only took advantage of some great tools, but also trusted God to do amazing things at his school. Carlos' PowerTrax models a Bible study that could work at any school.

Play: Video of Carlos Baez, "Starting a Bible Study" www.buildmomentum.org/resources.html

Process: Select from the following questions to help students remember, rekindle and reengage.

- The format Carlos provided for the Bible study was both simple and flexible. What four components were essential to the Bible study?
- A worship time with music may not be practical if the group is small or musicians are lacking.

 What format did Carlos suggest to provide musical worship even if resources are minimal?
- During the testimony time, Carlos asked students to stand up and share something God had done in their lives in the past week. Why is this testimony time valuable?
- Carlos stressed the importance of *investing* in people, rather than simply *inviting* them to a Bible study. What does it look like to invest in someone? Whom have you invested in lately?
- A Bible study, community group, or school club may have better success in reaching public school students than a church. What are some of the reasons for this reality?
- Carlos linked the success of their group to prayer. How did prayer strengthen their ministry? What would it look like to organize prayer walks around your school?
- What Christian groups meet in your school? How might a student-led Bible study reach new people in your school? What steps would you need to take to start one? Consider your team, your "target" students, time, location, and format of the group.

Pray: Break students into small groups. Give them several minutes to talk through the final question and outline their own Bible study. Encourage them to share the names of a few students who might attend. Have students close their time praying for these possibilities and people.

