

### **Bible Study Writer's Guidelines**

*Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* is a magazine for Christian women of all ages. Its purpose is to help women know Christ and make Him known. The magazine is published quarterly — winter, spring, summer, and fall.

The *LWQ* Bible study should help readers dig into God's Word and discover scriptural truths they can apply to their lives. The study should challenge the participant; however, the format should enable anyone who has worked through the study individually to be able to lead others through it as well.

Please select an opening activity for the Bible study. This may include a poem, paraphrased psalm, quotation, hymn/song, or community-building activity. Follow this with a brief opening prayer. Conclude the Bible study with a brief closing activity or prayer.

The content of the magazine must be in agreement with teachings of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. All submitted Bible studies are subject to editorial and LCMS doctrinal review.

#### **What to Include**

1. Factual questions based on the Scriptures (i.e. "What does Philippians 4:6-7 encourage Christians to do instead of worrying?")
2. Open-ended questions to help readers delve into the meaning (i.e. "Why do you think Paul reminds us to include thanksgiving in our prayers?")
3. Application questions (i.e. "Think of a time in your life when you were very concerned about something. How did you react? How did God provide help?")
4. A leader's guide or study helps may be included. This will be posted online.

#### **Things to Remember**

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you write and to use the study to help others draw closer to Jesus Christ.
2. Use a variety of questions so readers at different levels of spiritual growth can understand them. Avoid rhetorical questions and those with "pat" answers. Provide interesting facts and pertinent background information that allow the readers to discover from Scripture the point you are trying to make.
3. Focus on a few passages related to the topic. Because you cannot cover a subject exhaustively in this short format, seek to communicate a few nuggets of biblical truth on the topic.
4. Have clear references to the Law to show us our sin and the Gospel to show us our Savior.
5. Aim for a study that can be completed in 30–45 minutes.
6. Include a two- or three-sentence biography that describes you.

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