Choose Life

Introduction

Outline: in each subject there is
    1) Introductory material,
    2) A bible study for use during the session,
    3) And a follow up questionnaire.

Each session begins with refreshment, prayer and catch up. This catch up includes anything we want to share from the questionnaire from the previous session, how things have been for us and so on.

Then we would usually think about the topic based on our introductory reading and do the bible study together.

After each session there is a questionnaire to help us to think deeply and apply what we discover together to our own lives.

The course falls into three broad categories, each with three sessions:
    – The first is our own **holiness** and relationship with God.
    – The second looks at **gifts** we are given and how we use them.
    – The final section looks (broadly) at our **response** to God

The materials used throughout come from a variety of sources, and some are more American than others... But they form a base and provide ideas which can be helpful.

Inductive Bible Study

Of course, there are all sorts of ways to understand and study the bible. In this course we use the same method throughout – it is called 'Inductive Bible Study'. The same structure and questions are used every session.

Setting the context: "ABCs"
- Author — Who wrote the passage?
- Background — When did the author live? In what culture?
- Context — How does the passage fit in with what comes before and after it?

[These are taken largely from 'The Bible Book' by Nick Page]

What does the passage say? (Observation)
- We will look at questions like – who said what. And what is the passage saying to the people of the time

What does it mean? (Interpretation)
- We think together about what is the author's intent in this passage?

How does the principle apply to one specific area of my life? (Application)
- What is the Holy Spirit saying to me in this passage? What is one way I can apply the heart of this passage to my life? What will I do differently because of what I've learned?