

Rutherford House Small Group Resource Review form

Resource name: Galatians For You
Reviewers name: Jonathan Keefe
Length of course: At least 13 sessions
Year produced: 2013, by the Good Book Company
Format: (DVD, workbook) Book, with some questions for reflection.

General Theme: (Pick one of Evangelistic; Biblical; Topical)

Biblical

Review: (Please include what type of group you think this is best suited for, how your group responded to it, how long each session lasts, whether you found it easy or tough going and why, what you think your group learned about themselves and about God, if any follow-up was required).

This book is part of the versatile 'God's word for you' series from the Good Book Company. It can be read as a book, devotionally, or used as a group work resource - this review focuses on its use as a small group resource. Each session lasted an hour, but this could vary greatly, and time was most usefully spent together when participants had read the section of the book before coming. There are limited numbers of and variety of questions so a little preparation beforehand is required by whoever is leading the group although this was not at all arduous and no other resources on Galatians are required. As the name suggests (!) it is a study that goes through the whole of Galatians systematically. I expected it to be hard going and quite 'chunky', but it proved to be accessible to most folks in our groups - greatly helped by each chapter of the resource divided into two sections, with reflection questions (3 of them) after each section. While it is certainly harder going than other studies reviewed here, within each study there are parts that are accessible and beneficial to all. Each section of scripture is systematically exposed by Keller, placed simply within context and then applied to the church today. There is a glossary at the back explaining every word in the book that would be unfamiliar to someone for whom this was the first look at the bible. All in all a great resource for a fairly well established and mature group.