How to Start an IBKI Bible Study Center

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STEP 01

Change your thinking

Before launching any ministry, you must first transform your thinking. Romans 12:2 calls us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. This means releasing old limitations and embracing God's vision for your community. When your mindset shifts from scarcity to abundance, from fear to faith, you become a vessel ready for kingdom impact and sustainable multiplication.

Foundation: Romans 12:2 — Transforming by renewing your mind

STEP 02

Pray

Prayer is the essential foundation for launching any IBKI ministry. Before any action, seek God's guidance, power, and unity through focused, devoted prayer. The early church in Acts 1:14 modeled this: they were constantly united in prayer before the Spirit moved. Prayer aligns your ministry with God's heart for the community, preparing both you and those you will serve for transformation.

Foundation: Acts 1:14 — Devoted prayer in the early church

STEP 03

Cast the vision

A compelling vision inspires action and unites communities. As ministry leaders, we must clearly articulate what God has placed in our hearts. When people see and understand the vision, they become partners in the mission. Write it down, speak it boldly, and watch as others catch the fire for kingdom impact in your villages and cities.

Foundation: Habakkuk 2:2 — Write the vision and make it plain

STEP 04

Gather and equip a team

No ministry succeeds alone. God’s design for kingdom work involves teams of equipped believers working together. As Paul instructs in Ephesians 4:11-12, leaders are given to equip the saints for the work of ministry. Identify faithful individuals who share the vision, then invest in training them to lead others. A well-equipped team multiplies your reach and ensures the ministry continues beyond any single leader.

Foundation: Ephesians 4:11-12 — Equipping the saints for ministry work

STEP 05

Select a site

Choosing the right location for ministry launch is a Spirit-led process. Just as Paul was guided by the Holy Spirit to Macedonia, we must seek God’s direction for where to plant and grow. Consider accessibility, community needs, openness to the Gospel, and potential for long-term presence. A strategic site maximizes your reach and creates a foundation for sustainable ministry that can multiply across the region.

Foundation: Acts 16:6-10 — Spirit-led site selection

STEP 06

Evangelize

Intentional evangelism is the heartbeat of IBKI ministry. Contextualize your approach for villages and cities: use home visits, street outreach, community gatherings, and personal testimonies. Meet people where they are with the love of Christ. Every conversation is an opportunity to plant seeds of faith that will grow into disciples who transform their communities.

Foundation: Mark 16:15 — Go and preach the Gospel to all creation

STEP 07

Disciple the new believers

New believers need intentional nurturing to grow in biblical maturity and faith. Jesus commanded us to make disciples, teaching them to observe all He commanded. This means walking alongside new followers, grounding them in Scripture, prayer, and community. Strong spiritual foundations prevent backsliding and create disciples who can disciple others, multiplying the Kingdom rapidly across villages and cities.

Foundation: Matthew 28:19-20 — Make disciples, teaching all things

STEP 08

Gather into a church

Establishing a church provides the essential structure for worship, fellowship, and ongoing ministry. New believers need a spiritual home where they can grow together, serve one another, and become rooted in biblical community. The church becomes the anchor for both spiritual and social transformation in your village or city.

Foundation: Acts 2:42-47 — Early church fellowship model

STEP 09

Multiply the disciples

The goal of discipleship is not simply to create followers, but to develop leaders who reproduce themselves. Paul instructed Timothy to entrust what he learned to faithful people who would teach others also. This four-generation vision (Paul to Timothy to faithful men to others) is the blueprint for exponential kingdom growth. Train your disciples not just to follow, but to lead. Equip them to identify and invest in others. When every disciple becomes a disciple-maker, the movement multiplies beyond what any individual could achieve alone.

Foundation: 2 Timothy 2:2 — Entrust to faithful men who will teach others

STEP 10

Lock arms to launch a movement

A cord of three strands is not easily broken. The final step in launching an IBKI program is uniting leaders and churches for a lasting spiritual movement. United efforts transform communities and beyond: collaboration accelerates multiplication. When we lock arms together, the movement sustains beyond individual ministries, creating exponential kingdom impact across villages and cities.

Foundation: Ecclesiastes 4:12 — A cord of three strands is not easily broken

Questions for reflection

- Am I actively building unity with other ministry leaders in my area?
- How can I strengthen collaboration to accelerate Gospel multiplication?
- What barriers to unity do I need to address in my ministry context?
- Am I willing to share resources and support other leaders for kingdom impact?
- Will I commit to sustained partnership for a lasting spiritual movement?

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