How to Use *It’s Good to Be Queen* as a Bible Study

*A Leader’s Guide from Liz Curtis Higgs*

Right from the start, *It’s Good to Be Queen* was designed as a Bible study, unveiling the *real* queen of Sheba and all she has to teach us about being bold, gracious, and wise (plus seven more worthy qualities!). Who knew this ancient queen would be such a role model for women today?

"In this treasure of a book, you will be captivated with the story of the queen of Sheba and how her all-out search for wisdom led her to the One of all Wisdom. Thank you, Liz, for leading us into the riches of God’s Word."


“Every page here sparkles not only with wit and warmth but with Liz’s signature, unmatched insights. No woman can afford to miss the epic wisdom of the queen of Sheba.”


What you’ll find inside
Verse by verse, we’ll follow the queen of Sheba on her journey to Jerusalem, recorded in 1 Kings 10:1-13. As I plumbed the depths of her story in forty different English translations of the Bible, I was astounded to find how each verse revealed a unique aspect of her personality through her actions and words. So, in each chapter we’ll explore those fine attributes.

How the chapters unfold

**One:** It’s Good to Be Bold  
**Two:** It’s Good to Be Open  
**Three:** It’s Good to Seek Wise Counsel  
**Four:** It’s Good to Be Humbled  
**Five:** It’s Good to Be Honest  
**Six:** It’s Good to Encourage Others  
**Seven:** It’s Good to Praise God  
**Eight:** It’s Good to Give Generously  
**Nine:** It’s Good to Receive Graciously  
**Ten:** It’s Good to End Well  

*It’s Good to Be His*

Discussion Questions  
Study Guide  
Notes
Everything you need is in the book
Rather than creating a separate workbook, I included the Study Guide at the end of the book, featuring three in-depth, three-part questions per chapter. Women may want to use a notebook, digital tablet, or other device for taking notes. For Bible study leaders who like to know where various details in the text are drawn from, it’s all there for you in the Notes.

Weekly preparation time
For your members, it should take about fifteen minutes to read each chapter and perhaps thirty minutes to answer the questions. (If my estimate doesn’t match your experience, please let me know, so I can adjust those numbers here.)

Five-week study or ten-week study?
If your group meets for an hour or less each week, and your time together includes prayer, refreshments, and socializing, a ten-week study may be the best plan for you, covering one chapter and its corresponding questions each time you meet.

If you gather for ninety minutes or more weekly, It’s Good to Be Queen can work as a five-week study, with two chapters to read and two sets of questions to discuss when you’re together.

Possible format for one chapter a week for ten weeks – 60+ minutes
10 minutes – Gathering time
10-15 minutes – Session on Vimeo with Liz
25-30 minutes – Discussion of three Study Guide questions
10 minutes – Closing thoughts and prayer

Possible format for two chapters a week for five weeks – 90+ minutes
5 minutes – Gathering time
10-15 minutes – Session on Vimeo with Liz
20-25 minutes – Discussion of three Study Guide questions for first chapter
10 minutes – Break
10-15 minutes – Session on Vimeo with Liz
20-25 minutes – Discussion of three Study Guide questions for second chapter
5 minutes – Closing thoughts and prayer
Free videos waiting for you on Vimeo.com

For It’s Good to Be Queen, I wanted to try something different from the videos my publisher and I created for The Girl’s Still Got It and Bad Girls of the Bible (though, of course, I loved doing those!).

This time, I invited five wonderful women of differing ages and stages to take turns sitting across from me, so I could share the highlights of each chapter, one-on-one. It’s more personal than a presentation, and definitely more casual.

Here’s the best part: these videos are free! You’ll find all ten, plus a 60-second video invitation to use in your church, on Vimeo.com/lizcurtishiggs.

My Weekly Bible Study Blog
I’ll be blogging my way through It’s Good to Be Queen, focusing on the Study Guide questions, beginning August 19 through October 28, 2015. You’ll find the posts on my website www.lizcurtishiggs.com/blog/ for many seasons to come.

Fun Stuff

Women are having so much fun with this book, from taking pictures in tiaras to baking crown-shaped cookies for refreshments to dressing up in costume to creating tee-shirts for their small group. You know my theory: if we laugh while we learn, the truth stays with us.
To help our Haitian sisters
I’m honored to be partnering with the team at Vi Bella Jewelry
www.vibellajewelry.com/authors-collection to create uniquely designed, hand-crafted jewelry for our exclusive Queen of Sheba Crown Jewels, helping lift our Haitian sisters from the depths of poverty. You might consider purchasing a piece or two, knowing the money goes, not to me, but to a wonderful cause: our artisans in Haiti!

For my Pinterest sisters
Finally, I couldn’t resist creating a Pinterest board for our queen. Wait until you see all the Shebalicious orange!
www.pinterest.com/lizcurtishiggs/queen-of-sheba

Thanks for considering It’s Good to Be Queen for your Bible study group.
As a special thank you, I’d love to send autographed peel-and-stick bookplates and colorful laminated bookmarks for each person in your group. Simply email your mailing address and the number of people in your study to bill@lizcurtishiggs.com. Then, watch your mailbox!

Your sister,

Liz Curtis Higgs