Magic, Astrology, Demon Worship and Necromancy Bible Study

These studies are designed to be discussed in small group settings. This curriculum is designed to work on group discovery and more importantly what the Lord reveals to each individual and to each group. This curriculum is not designed for settings that rely on formal teaching sessions etc.

The basic format is to begin with the "Community Caring and Communicating" questions:

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These are the first four discussions at each session (the questions are slightly different in the first session because there is no previous meeting to have planned for these questions adequately).

Question 1 is asked and then each member of the group shares his or her answer. After you have completed a round of the group discussing question 1 then you read question 2 and let each person share their answers and then question 3, then question 4.

After these discussions someone in the group reads the passage for that study aloud (you may want to have more than one person read it aloud especially if participants have different versions of the Bible). Next have the participants read the passage silently to themselves.

When the reading is completed, the group moves on to discussion of the three study questions:

1. What do you learn about God?
2. What do you learn about Mankind?
3. What do you learn about Witchcraft, Magic, Astrology etc.?

This is an open discussion of the passage that is facilitated by whoever the leader is and IS NOT TAUGHT LIKE A CLASS. The facilitator’s goal is to get everybody else to share not to teach everyone else.

It is important that if somebody share something that is not related to the passage your are studying that the questions: “Where does that appear in this passage?” be asked by the other members, but not as punishment. The question has to be asked with the mindset of truly seeing where the person is getting that from.

When that is done you move on to the “Commitment to Change” questions:

1. What will you do new or differently because of what we discussed in this study?
2. Is there or has there ever been anything like this around your life and if so what is God telling you to do about it?
3. What will you pray about every day until our next meeting because of this study?

The handouts for each lesson are designed to demonstrate what the participants can use to prepare for the sessions. The best way to use these is to give each member the next lesson’s handout to fill out the four columns with the “What do you learn…” questions or simply give the participants the scripture for the next meeting and have participants fill out the answers on regular lined paper. YES THERE IS HOMEWORK TO PREPARE.

Attendees must agree to all of these things before the study begins. Once the group is 2 – 3 lessons into the study, new people should probably not be added to the studies as they would be at a different place in their growth and would have missed too much. It is better to start a group facilitated by someone who has previously done the study or who is currently doing the study in this group.
Verse:  **Isaiah 8:19-22 GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)**

19 People will say to you, “Ask for help from the mediums and the fortunetellers, who whisper and murmur.” Shouldn’t people ask their God for help instead? Why should they ask the dead to help the living? 20 They should go to the teachings and to the written instructions. If people don’t speak these words, it is because it doesn’t dawn on them. 21 They will pass through the land when they are hard-pressed and hungry. When they are hungry, they will be furious. Then they will look up, cursing their king and God. 22 They will look at the earth and see only distress and gloom. They will go in anguish and be forced into darkness.

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Verse: **1 Samuel 28:11-17 GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)**

“Whom should I conjure up for you?” the woman asked. “Conjure up Samuel for me,” he answered. 12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out loudly and asked, “Why did you deceive me? You’re Saul!” 13 “Don’t be afraid,” the king said to her. “What do you see?” “I see a god rising from the ground,” the woman answered. 14 “In what form?” he asked her. She answered, “An old man is coming up, and he’s wearing a robe.” Then Saul knew it was Samuel. Saul knelt down with his face touching the ground. 15 Samuel asked Saul, “Why did you disturb me by conjuring me up?” Saul answered, “I’m in serious trouble. The Philistines are at war with me, and God has turned against me and doesn’t answer me anymore—either by the prophets or in dreams. So I’ve called on you to tell me what to do.” 16 Samuel said, “Why are you asking me when the Lord has turned against you and become your enemy? 17 The Lord has done to you exactly what he spoke through me: The Lord has torn the kingship out of your hands and given it to your fellow Israelite David.

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Verse: 1 Chronicles 10:13-14 GOD’S WORD Translation (GW)
13 So Saul died because of his unfaithfulness to the Lord: He did not obey the word of the Lord. He asked a medium to request information from a dead person. 14 He didn’t request information from the Lord. So the Lord killed him and turned the kingship over to David, Jesse’s son.

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Verse: **Acts 16:16-18 GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)**

16 One day when we were going to the place of prayer, a female servant met us. She was possessed by an evil spirit that told fortunes. She made a lot of money for her owners by telling fortunes. 17 She used to follow Paul and shout, “These men are servants of the Most High God. They’re telling you how you can be saved.” 18 She kept doing this for many days. Paul became annoyed, turned to the evil spirit, and said, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!” As Paul said this, the evil spirit left her.

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Verse: 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 GOD’S WORD Translation (GW)

9 The man of sin will come with the power of Satan. He will use every kind of power, including miraculous and wonderful signs. But they will be lies. 10 He will use everything that God disapproves of to deceive those who are dying, those who refused to love the truth that would save them. 11 That’s why God will send them a powerful delusion so that they will believe a lie. 12 Then everyone who did not believe the truth, but was delighted with what God disapproves of, will be condemned.

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Verse: Acts 13:6-11 GOD’S WORD Translation (GW)
6 They went through the whole island as far as the city of Paphos. In Paphos they met a Jewish man named Barjesus. He was an astrologer who claimed to be a prophet. 7 He was associated with an intelligent man, Sergius Paulus, who was the governor of the island. The governor sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. 8 Elymas, whose name means astrologer, opposed them and tried to distort the meaning of the faith so that the governor wouldn’t believe. 9 But Saul, also known as Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit. He stared at Elymas 10 and said, “You are full of dirty tricks and schemes, you son of the devil! You hate everything that has God’s approval. Quit trying to distort the truth about the way the Lord wants people to live. 11 The Lord is against you now. For a while you will be blind, unable to see the light of day.” Suddenly, Elymas couldn’t see a thing. He tried to find people to lead him.

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Verse: 2 Corinthians 11:14-15 GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)
14 And no wonder, even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it’s not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants who have God's approval. In the end they will get what they deserve.

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Verse:  Isaiah 47:12-14 GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)
12 Keep practicing your spells and your evil magic. You have practiced them ever since you were young. You may succeed. You may cause terror. 13 You are worn out by your many plans. Let your astrologers and your stargazers, who foretell the future month by month, come to you, rise up, and save you. 14 They are like straw. Fire burns them. They can't rescue themselves from the flames. There are no glowing coals to keep them warm and no fire for them to sit by.

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Verse: **Leviticus 19:31 GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)**

31 “Don’t turn to psychics or mediums to get help. That will make you unclean. I am the Lord your God.

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Verse: Deuteronomy 4:15-19 GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)
15 You didn’t see the Lord the day he spoke to you from the fire at Mount Horeb. So be very careful 16 that you don’t become corrupt and make your own carved idols. Don’t make statues that represent men or women, 17 any animal on earth, any creature with wings that flies, 18 any creature that crawls on the ground, or any fish in the water. 19 Don’t let yourselves be tempted to worship and serve what you see in the sky—the sun, the moon, the stars, or anything else. The Lord your God has given them to all people everywhere.

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Verse:  Micah 5:12-13 GOD’S WORD Translation (GW)
12 I will destroy your sorcerers, and you will have no more fortunetellers. 13 I will destroy your idols and your sacred monuments. You will no longer worship what your hands have made.

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Verse: Malachi 3:5 GOD’S WORD Translation (GW)
5 “I will come to judge you. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers, lying witnesses, and those who cheat workers out of their wages and oppress widows and orphans. I will also testify against those who deprive foreigners of their rights. None of them fear me,” says the Lord of Armies.

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Verse: Leviticus 20:6-8 GOD’S WORD Translation (GW)
6 “I will condemn people who turn to mediums and psychics and chase after them as though they were prostitutes. I will exclude them from the people. 7 “Live holy lives. Be holy because I am the Lord your God. 8 Obey my laws, and live by them. I am the Lord who sets you apart as holy.

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Verse:  **Deuteronomy 18:10-14 GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)**
10 You must never sacrifice your sons or daughters by burning them alive, practice black magic, be a fortuneteller, witch, or sorcerer, 11 cast spells, ask ghosts or spirits for help, or consult the dead. 12 Whoever does these things is disgusting to the Lord. The Lord your God is forcing these nations out of your way because of their disgusting practices. 13 You must have integrity in dealing with the Lord your God. 14 These nations you are forcing out listen to fortunetellers and to those who practice black magic. But the Lord your God won’t let you do anything like that.

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