

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

Second Corinthians 3:18 indicates that God is working in our lives so that we will be more like His Son. The goal of Bible study is to become more like Jesus Christ as we read His Word with greater understanding. This weekly Bible Study Guide is designed to teach you a seven-day approach to studying a specific passage of Scripture, and to help you develop a regular approach to the study of God's Word. We encourage you to use these daily guidelines to help you as you seek to uncover scriptural truths and make personal applications to your own life. You can apply this approach to any portion of Scripture, but here are a few suggested passages to help you get started:

Psalm 1; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 5:13-15; 1 John 1:1-3; John 5:1-5

OPENING PRAYER: "Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law." (Psalm 119:18, NIV)

PASSAGE FOR STUDY: _____

DAY 1:

Read the passage three times. 1 2 3

Write a seven-word, or less, title.

DAY 2:

Read the passage two times, using different translations. 1 2

Select three key words and write definitions.

KEY WORD 1: _____

KEY WORD 2: _____

KEY WORD 3: _____

DAY 3:

Read the passage two times aloud. 1 2

Identify several problems, questions, or concepts that arise out of this passage for further study.

DAY 4:

Read again.

Select and write a key verse (for memorization, if you so choose) _____

DAY 5 APPLICATION

Serious Scripture study leads to life-change. This doesn't just happen automatically, but we are given opportunity, little by little, to be conformed to the image of Christ. It is as we read the facts of Scripture and understand their meaning in our world today that we can make application to our lives. It is here that we find the joy of walking in obedience to God's Word and experience His presence with us throughout the day

Now that you have studied this passage, what is God saying to you through it about your life? Use the questions below to guide you.

APPLICATION #1:

1. What should I do? _____

2. How should I do this? _____

3. With whom should I do this? _____

4. By when, with God's help, should I do this? _____

APPLICATION #2 (repeat as appropriate):

1. What should I do? _____

2. How should I do this? _____

3. With whom should I do this? _____

4. By when, with God's help, should I do this? _____

DAYS 6 & 7: DIGGING DEEPER

Using the Scripture you selected, choose one or more of the following for a two-day project.

PROJECT 1: One of the best ways to understand the meaning of Scripture is to compare Scripture with Scripture. List other Scriptures that illustrate or restate the key verse(s) or principle(s) of this passage. (You may find it helpful to consult your Bible's footnotes, study aids, or a concordance for this project.)

PROJECT 2: Research difficult words from, or questions about, your passage (see day 3), using tools for Bible study such as a study Bible, Bible handbook, dictionary, concordance, or commentary.

PROJECT 3: Compose a summary statement for your passage. "The central teaching of this passage is ..."