

WEEK 5 - LEARNING TO STUDY GOD'S WORD

"From Reading the Bible to Understanding and Applying the Bible"

Name: _____ Date: _____

Main Scriptures: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105; Joshua 1:8

Supporting Scriptures: Hebrews 4:12; James 1:22-25; Acts 17:11; Psalm 1:1-3; John 8:31-32

1. GOD'S WORD IS INSPIRED AND USEFUL

2 Timothy 3:16 says all Scripture is breathed out by _____.

Scripture is profitable for _____, _____, _____, and _____ in righteousness.

God's Word equips the believer for every good work. The goal is to become spiritually _____.

2. GOD'S WORD GIVES DIRECTION

Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a _____ to my feet and a _____ to my path."

God's Word gives _____ for our choices, relationships, attitudes, and priorities.

A disciple should not ask only, 'What do I feel?' but also, 'What has God already _____?'

3. BIBLE STUDY REQUIRES MEDITATION, NOT JUST INFORMATION

Joshua 1:8 tells us to _____ on God's Word _____ and _____.

Meditation should lead us to carefully _____ what God has said.

The goal of Bible study is not merely information; it should produce _____.

4. OBSERVATION - WHAT DOES THE TEXT SAY?

The first step of Bible study is _____.

Observation asks: What do I actually _____ in the passage?

Look for _____ is speaking, _____ is happening, _____ words, and any _____ God gives.

5. INTERPRETATION - WHAT DOES THE TEXT MEAN?

The second step is _____.

Interpretation asks what the passage _____ in its original context.

Always consider the _____, including the verses _____ and _____ the passage.

Learn the difference between what Scripture says and what we _____ it says.

6. APPLICATION - WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THE TRUTH?

The third step is _____.

James 1 teaches us to be _____ of the Word, not hearers only.

Application asks: What needs to _____ in my life because of this truth?

Good application should be _____ and lead to obedience.

A disciple learns to _____ the Word.

THE O.I.A. BIBLE STUDY METHOD

STEP	QUESTION	FOCUS
OBSERVATION	What does it say?	SEE IT
INTERPRETATION	What does it mean?	UNDERSTAND IT

APPLICATION	What should I do?	LIVE IT
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7. STUDY SCRIPTURE IN CONTEXT

_____ is the information surrounding a passage that helps us understand its meaning.

Read the _____ verses, the _____, and sometimes the entire _____.

Ask who the original _____ was and what issue was being addressed.

Key Truth: Context protects us from making Scripture say something it was never intended to say.

8. SCRIPTURE SHOULD INTERPRET SCRIPTURE

Use _____ to help understand _____.

Compare passages on the same subject and allow _____ passages to help explain difficult ones.

9. USE BIBLE STUDY TOOLS WISELY

Helpful tools include multiple Bible _____, a concordance, Bible _____, cross-references, maps, and trusted _____.

Read and observe the biblical text _____ before immediately reaching for someone else's explanation.

Use study tools to deepen and _____ your understanding.

10. THE GOAL IS TRANSFORMATION, NOT INFORMATION

The goal of studying Scripture is spiritual _____, not simply collecting facts.

James compares God's Word to a _____ that shows us what needs attention.

God's Word should produce _____ in the way we think and live.

After studying, ask: 'What will I _____?'

CLASS PRACTICE - JAMES 1:22

Passage: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

OBSERVATION - What do I see?

INTERPRETATION - What does it mean?

APPLICATION - What should I do?

MY O.I.A. PRACTICE

Passage: _____

OBSERVATION - What does it say?

INTERPRETATION - What does it mean?

APPLICATION - What will I do?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What is the difference between reading the Bible and studying the Bible?

2. Why is context important when interpreting Scripture?

3. Which O.I.A. step is easiest for you? Which is hardest?

4. Why do people sometimes prefer information over application?

5. How can Bible study help you make better decisions?

6. What practical change can improve your Bible study this week?

MEMORY VERSE

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness..."

WEEKLY CHALLENGE - 7 DAYS IN THE WORD

Spend 10-20 minutes each day studying a short passage with O.I.A. Write: (1) What do I observe? (2) What does it mean in context? (3) What will I do because of this truth?

Day 1 - Psalm 1:1-3 Day 2 - Matthew 5:13-16 Day 3 - Philippians 4:4-9
Day 4 - James 1:19-25 Day 5 - Colossians 3:12-17 Day 6 - John 15:1-8
Day 7 - Romans 12:1-2

WEEK 5 TAKEAWAY

A disciple does not only read God's Word. A disciple learns to understand God's Word and live God's Word.

OBSERVE IT. INTERPRET IT. APPLY IT.