

How to study the bible

1. COMPREHEND

"What does it say?"

REPETITIVE READING

Read the section of scripture that you plan to study as a whole 4-5 times before digging any deeper.

ANNOTATION

Use a printed copy of the text to make notes of any words you'll want to study deeper, any repetition you notice, and important ideas you want to understand.

WORD STUDY

Use an english dictionary, then a concordance to get to the deeper meaning of key words used in the passage.

READ OTHER TRANSLATIONS

Reading the same passage in multiple translations can help us grow in our understanding and also helps with committing scripture to memory.

OUTLINING

Challenge yourself to create an outline of the text that you're studying. If it's a short passage or verse, outline the book that it is found in to grow in your understanding of its meaning & purpose.

2. INTERPRET

"What does it mean?"

STUDY IN CONTEXT

Gather background information to understand the original author, audience, and purpose

CROSS-REFERENCES

The Bible interprets the Bible. Using cross-referencing helps to improve your understanding of the BIG story of the bible as well as the specific meaning of the passage.

IN VIEW OF...

Challenge yourself to interpret the section of scripture in view of history, culture, literary form, the bigger story of the bible, and the gospel.

3. APPLY

How should this change me?

WHAT DOES THIS TEACH ME
ABOUT GOD?

HOW DOES THIS ASPECT OF
GOD'S CHARACTER CHANGE MY
VIEW OF SELF?

WHAT IS GOD CALLING ME TO DO
WITH THIS NEW KNOWLEDGE
AND UNDERSTANDING?

OUR MOST EFFECTIVE
TOOL IS PRAYER

BEFORE, DURING, & AFTER