

EASY BIBLE STUDY METHOD

Date: _____

Bible Passage: _____

<p>STEP ONE: E - ENTER THE STORY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray before reading • Read the text slowly and thoughtfully • Determine the context <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Where does this fit in the storyline of the Bible? ◦ Who was the original author? ◦ Who was the original audience and what were they going through? • Put yourself in the story • Ask good questions 	<p>STEP THREE: S - SEEK GOD & HIS CHARACTER</p>	<p>Write out a list of who God is from the passage “God is _____”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find explicit qualities and characteristics of God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Attributes plainly written in the text • Find implicit qualities and characteristics of God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Look at context clues, mainly actions, to find attributes not plainly found
<p>STEP TWO: A - ASSESS THE MAIN IDEA</p>	<p>Paraphrase the passage in your own words:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Break up the text into chunks summarizing into bite-size pieces ◦ Write out a 1-2 sentence summary of main idea of this passage 	<p>STEP FOUR: Y - YEARN FOR A HEART CHANGE</p>	<p>Journaling question for inward transformation of heart and mind</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In what ways is the Holy Spirit convicting me that my heart needs to look more like God’s heart. <p>Journaling question for outward application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I look more like God? What practical steps can I take?

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 - Who was the original audience and what were they going through?
- **Put** yourself in the story
- **Ask** good questions

Dig Deeper

- Read the text in different translations: ESV, NLT, NIV, NKJV
- When was this written? What was the date? What major events were going on during this time?
- Are there any historical or cultural things, customs, locations, or elements within the text that could be researched more in order to understand the meaning?
- What is the surrounding context of the verse or passage you are studying?
- What is the literary genre of this text and how does that add to the meaning of the passage?

STEP TWO: A - ASSESS THE MAIN IDEA

Paraphrase the passage in your own words

- Break up the text into chunks summarizing into bite-size pieces and then write out a 1-2 sentence paraphrase.
- Ask yourself: What is the main idea of this passage?

Dig Deeper

- Annotate the passage (Identifying keywords and themes).
 - Highlight or circle keywords and phrases, make notes of the context of the passage, ask questions, define words, connect ideas, write out your prayers, write down your honest thoughts, note God and His character.
- Discover the meaning of the passage:
 - What did it mean for the original audience? Conclude in one sentence what the text meant for them in their day.
 - What does it mean for us today? What are the differences and similarities you share with the original audience? Conclude in one sentence what the text means for us today.
- Seek help from commentaries if necessary.

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Write out a list of who God is from the passage “God is _____”

- Find explicit qualities and characteristics of God
 - Attributes plainly written in the text
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Dig Deeper

Meditate on God’s character through

- **Prayer:** Pray over the verses, focusing on praising God for who he is
- **Journaling:** Write down your response to God’s character through means of poetry, songwriting, a letter to God, or simple journal entry
- **Art:** Meditate on Scripture and have it inspire a watercolor, collage, sketching, etc.
- **Worship:** Sing songs that proclaim the attributes you read about

STEP FOUR: Y - YEARN FOR A HEART CHANGE

Journaling questions for inward transformation of heart and mind

- In what ways is the Holy Spirit convicting me that my heart needs to look more like God’s heart.
- How does my current way of thinking need to be challenged?
- What emotions are you feeling (ex: fear, anxiety, bitterness) that need to be acknowledged and surrendered?
- Should I be more in awe of who God is and spend time simply praising Him for His character?
- How can a mindset shift, based on the text, change how I go about my day?

Journaling questions for outward application

- Does this text have explicit practical applications that I should follow?
- Does this text imply certain godly behaviors I should adopt as a believer?
- How can I look more like God? What practical steps can I take?
- Is this a passage that I should memorize and meditate on?

Dig Deeper

- Create S.M.A.R.T. goals to help you achieve your intended action outcome.