

Free Printable Bible Study Lessons with Questions and Answers (PDF)

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A reusable method and printable worksheet for studying any passage of the Bible.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Psalms 119:105 (NIV)

The study guide

STEP 1 · ANY PASSAGE

Pray and Read

Before you study a single word, ask God to teach you, then read the passage slowly and out loud more than once. Study begins as prayer, not as homework.

1. What did you ask God for before you opened the passage, and how did naming that change the way you came to the text?

2. After reading the passage slowly two or three times, what is your first honest impression of what it is about?

3. Which word, phrase, or image stopped you on the way through and made you want to read it again?

STEP 2 · ANY PASSAGE

Observe, What does it say?

Before you decide what a passage means, see what is actually on the page. Notice who is speaking, what is happening, where and when, and which words the text repeats.

1. Who are the people in this passage, what is happening to them, and where and when does it take place?

2. Which words or ideas are repeated, and how is the passage built, by contrast, by command, by promise, or by story?

3. What does the passage say plainly that you might have rushed past if you were reading quickly?

STEP 3 · ANY PASSAGE

Interpret, What does it mean?

Now ask what the passage meant in its own setting before asking what it means for you. Read it in context, picture its first audience, and watch for how it points to Christ.

1. What did this passage mean to the people who first heard or read it, given what comes before and after it?

2. What does this passage show you about who God is and what he is like?

3. How does this passage point forward to Jesus, or fit into the larger story of what God is doing to rescue people?

STEP 4 · ANY PASSAGE

Apply, What does it call me to do?

Scripture is meant to be lived, not just understood. Ask what this passage asks of your heart, your relationships, and your actual week.

1. What does this passage call you to believe, change, confess, or trust, right where you are today?

2. How does it speak to your relationships, the people you live with, work with, and struggle to love?

3. What is one specific thing you can do this week in response to what you have seen?

STEP 5 • ANY PASSAGE

Respond, Pray it back and memorize

Close by turning the passage into prayer and carrying one line of it with you. Praying Scripture back to God is how it sinks from the page into the heart.

1. How would you pray this passage back to God, in your own words, naming what it stirred in you?

2. Which single verse or phrase from this passage do you want to memorize and carry into your week?

3. Looking back over all five steps, what is the one thing you do not want to forget from this passage?
