

BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

TIPS AND TOOLS TO HAVE A MORE
SUCCESSFUL BIBLE STUDY

*Find a quiet place to read. Away from distractions.
Away from your electronics

THE THREE P'S

Priority - If you make studying God's Word a priority, you will succeed. We must take the Word of God seriously!

Prepare - Have everything you need ready and available. 90% of the job is done if you're ready & prepared

Things to have prepared:

- Bible
- Highlighters
- Pens/Pencils
- Water
- Notebook
- Extra Supplies

Plan - Plan out how your time will go. Start with prayer and then read the text. After that, see what study plan will help you better understand God's Word and who He is.

SOAP METHOD TOOL

- S** - Scripture. As you read, write out verses that stand out to you
 - O** - Observation. What truths can you learn? What is the overall message?
 - A** - Application. How does this passage apply to your life?
 - P** - Prayer. Ask God to help you apply this scripture to your life
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MORE STUDY TOOLS

LOOK AT THE CONTEXT: Remember that every verse is part of a chapter, part of a book and part of the whole Bible. To understand the context of a verse, you must read verses above and below to get the full meaning of the verse.

WHAT DOES IT SAY: Who-What-When-Where-Why-How? Asking these questions will help you understand exactly what the passage is about.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN: Study the words and phrases. Using the Concordance, cross referencing with other verses and passages, and reading other translations will help with your understanding. Read commentaries to see what pastors and other bible scholars have written.

HOW DOES IT APPLY: Applying what you've read to your daily lives is the most important part of your daily devotions.

FURTHER QUESTIONS TO ASK

- How can I use this to share God with others?
- Who was it written to?
- When was it written?
- Why was it written?
- What will I do about it?
- What changes will I make in my life based on what I read?
- How does the passage point to Jesus and the Gospel?