

PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

This study companion is intended to aid you in your journey of personally studying The Bible and fellowship with God in His Word and prayer. As you study, these questions are designed to guide you to a deeper experience and faithful understanding of Scripture.

KEYS TO SUCCESS

Pray before, during, and after you read.

- *Before* - pray that the Holy Spirit would open your heart and mind and illuminate the Truth of scripture.
- *During* - pray in response as you are encouraged and challenged by what you encounter as you study.
- *After* - pray for clarity of how the Truth of God in Scripture can transform your mind and life and inform your actions.

Be ok not knowing everything. You can't know what you haven't learned. **That's why we're doing this.** This is a process that requires grace and patience as we all pursue to know God's glorious absolute Truth.

God designed Scripture to be best understood in community. Therefore, make sure you seek out opportunities to share questions, challenges, and new understanding to others in the group throughout the week.

Read relationally. The goal is that we would actually know God, **not just know about him.** God is a loving Father who has given His Word for His glory and our good.



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RESOURCES

Please visit our website, www.thebridgmontrose.org/resources to learn more about how to use each day and additional resources.

ONLINE BIBLES

Youversion - www.bible.com

Bible Gateway - www.biblegateway.com

Faithlife Study Bible - <https://faithlifebible.com>

DAILY DEVOTIONS

My Utmost for His Highest - <http://utmost.org>

Spurgeon's Morning and Evening - <http://www.spurgeon.org/daily.htm>

TOPICAL STUDY & QUESTIONS

Topical Bible - <http://www.openbible.info/topics/>

Bible Questions Answered - <http://gotquestions.org>

DEEPER STUDY/COMMENTARY

Precept Austin - <http://preceptaustin.org>

Monergism - <http://www.monergism.com>

Christian Classics Ethereal Library - <http://www.ccel.org>

Blue Letter Bible Study Resources - <http://www.blueletterbible.org/study.cfm>

FAITH IN ACTION/OUTREACH/SERVE

The Story - www.viewthestory.com

3 Circles - <http://www.namb.net/video/3circlesguide/>

APOLOGETICS HELP (why you believe what you believe)

4Truth.net - <http://www.4truth.net>

Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry - <http://www.carm.org>



READ

Read Greater Context: _____

Focus on Sermon Text: _____

OBSERVATION

Spend time to identify the Who (Author/Audience), What, When, Where, and What of this passage. *(Use the resource page for a summary)*

What is the most obvious point being made in this passage?

What words, themes, and concepts are emphasized, repeated, & related? *(repetition is meant to draw attention)*

What parallel concepts do you notice whether it be comparison or contrast?

What is revealed about the Character of God in this passage?

How do you see mankind behaving and responding to their teaching, correction, circumstance, or encounter with God?

Write down any questions you have about the text and make time to discuss them with a friend or group member.



READ

Read Text: _____

INTERPRETATION

Paraphrase the text in your own words. *(this is a challenge worth taking on for the sake of your deeper understanding)*

How do you think the author wants their audience to respond?

What is the instruction given in response to the concepts introduced in your observations?

Is there a commandment to obey?

What wrong beliefs about God and myself did/do I have?

How does what you know of God's revealed character shape how you understand this teaching?

Write down any new questions of things you don't understand and make time to discuss them with a friend or group member.



READ

Read Sermon Text: _____

APPLICATION

What truths do I need to believe?

What false beliefs must I turn from?

How do I need to repent?

In light of the Truth in this text, what ways should my life look different?

What can I do, empowered by the Holy Spirit, today to apply this passage? (Now what?) Share this with someone.



READ

Read Sermon Text: _____

Prayer

Write out your prayer as you pray through the text.

Pray for continued transformation in the identified areas of application. Write down your prayer.

What happened? As you have taken steps of obedience, what in your life has been impacted by those actions? *(The intent of this question is that you look back over your journey of learning and responding in obedience beyond this week)*

Now What? What is the very next thing you can do to grow in obedience and continue transforming? *(Similarly to above, this questions is meant to support your continued growth and transformation)*



READ

Read Greater Context from Day 1: _____

Focus on Sermon Text from Day 1: _____

This day is essential. The aim is to help you celebrate more deeply the work God is doing in and around you and sharing it with the community around you.

REFLECT

Pray that God would reveal to you all the work He has done in, through, and around you.

RECORD

Write down what you have noticed and experienced.

CELEBRATE

Identify areas you have found freedom in, relationships that have been reconciled, ways you have gained better understandings of who God is and who you are, etc.

SHARE

Make sure to share all God has done in you with someone in your group/life. John 15:15