

Basic Steps For Effective Bible Study

Answers!
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Now Ezra had determined in his heart to study the law of the Lord, obey it, and teach its statutes and ordinances in Israel.

Ezra 7:10 (HCSB)

Help me understand the meaning of Your precepts so that I can meditate on Your wonders.

Psalms 119:27 (HCSB)

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Colossians 3:16 (NIV)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (HCSB)

1. Establish Basic _____

- The Bible is God's plan to communicate His _____ and _____ to His people.
- The Bible is not written with a _____ _____ only revealed to a select few.
- Understanding the Bible requires a relationship with its _____.
- Bible study must focus more on _____ _____ than acquiring knowledge.
- Every book of the Bible is a part of one _____.
- The _____ to understand parts must not distract from knowing and obeying the _____ to understand.

2. Gather Basic _____

- Good translations – at least two.
- Bible dictionary
- Commentary
- Means to record your notes
- Mystudybible.com – Lifeway site with free study helps
- Church library has several to review.

3. Follow A Basic _____

- Develop a general understanding of Bible _____.
Where does the book/passage you plan to study fit in God's Grand Story?
- Replace a reading attitude with a _____ attitude.
- Study a passage in light of its context.
 - i. _____ context – Answer when, where, and who?
 - ii. _____ context - Narrative, parable, poetry, prophecy, discourse?
 - iii. _____ context – What does the word mean? Where in the sentence? Where in the paragraph? What book?
 - iv. _____ context – Old covenant based on law or new covenant based on grace?
- Determine what a book/passage teaches you about _____.
Write it down.
- Discover what a book/passage teaches you about _____.
Write it down.
- Decide on what you think a passage _____.
Write it down.
- Compare your meaning with what others say in _____.
Refuse an isolationist mindset. Add comments to your personal discoveries.
- Ask God to reveal how your discoveries _____ to you and decide on a personal plan of _____. Tell someone about your plan.