



## How to Study the Bible | Handout

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**The purpose of Bible study is the same whether you are by yourself, in a small group, or preaching a sermon: connection with God.**

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

### **Ingredients of a purposeful Bible Study:**

- The Bible
- The Holy Spirit
- Willingness to be taught
- Life application
- Reproducibility

### **What to look for when studying the Bible:**

When studying the Bible, look not just for facts about the Bible, but also **principles** of the Bible. A **principle** is a spiritual law that has numerous applications.

### **Principles are the same for:**

- Personal Bible Study
- Small group Bible Study
- Preaching
- Preaching evangelistic meetings

*The key for growth is self-discovery from God.  
God wants his people to “see” and “hear” what He is telling them.*

### **Essence of the message at the end of the world:**

- First angel – There is a Creator who loves you.
- Second angel – There is an enemy who hates you.
- Third angel – You have a choice.

### **How to find the Principles:**

- Read the verse or story.
- Ask God what the verse is telling you or showing you about Him.
- Ask God what it means for your life.
- How does it help you understand your current worldview.
- Who could be helped by what you just learned.

“And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.”

Luke 24: 27



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*The best way to study the Bible is systematically. Study a book of the Bible and write your thoughts down as you are studying it.*

**When studying the Scriptures ask yourself:**

- What am I learning about Him?
- What is he trying to tell me about himself?

**God wants to use the Bible to change our lives.**