

GUIDING QUESTIONS WHEN STUDYING THE BIBLE

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For many of us, Bible Study was our introduction to Who God Is and what it means to have a relationship with Him. For others, Bible Study is an exploration into finding out what “crazy, brainwashed believers” are laughing, rejoicing, and crying tears of joy over. For another group, Bible Study is a revelatory path to recovery from trauma, anger, addiction, or abuse. Regardless of the purpose, Bible Study is always an opportunity for God to speak to us through His Word. I have created a practical worksheet of guiding questions for you to use while you study the Bible.

1. Prayer. Pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to you through Scripture.
2. What is the Scripture?
3. What is the central message of the Scripture?
4. How does this Scripture connect to you?
5. What do you take from the Scripture?
6. Why do you think God led you to this Scripture?
7. Is there any other Scripture/topic/story that you are feeling led to check out because of this Scripture selection? If so, what is it?
8. Prayer. Always close with a prayer that what you have read will feed and nourish your discipleship and become present in your walk with God.

Now that you have done this, how do you feel? Are you excited about your new opportunities on the way in your walk with God? Do you feel like you could share this with somebody in your community or church family to help them in their discipleship? Sharing this activity with another believer or someone who is new in Christ is a form of proclaiming the Good News. This proclaims the Good News because it spreads the power of God into others, builds their discipleship, and causes expansion of God’s Kingdom. You also put other people in position to experience more healing, which is what we want for people in the world. If this activity has blessed you, feel free to share it with someone. If you are a church member, feel free to use it in a Bible Study group. Let’s grow together.