

Bible Study Basics Workbook

Some may find it easier to watch the video first, then go back afterwards and answer the questions. Do what is easiest for you and helps you learn. The answer key is found at the end of each session workbook.

Video Session 1 – Basic Bible Structure

1. If you don't understand how we came to the _____ book, you can get _____ by incorrect _____ or even get off into _____.
2. Canon of _____ simply means '_____ works or books of God' and is used to describe the _____ of those works.
3. Keep in mind what an _____ the bible is.
4. The Bible was given by God through the _____ of the Holy Spirit, the single _____.
5. Types of Bibles are:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____ or _____
 - d. _____
6. Winston Churchill once said 'Those who fail to _____ from history are doomed to repeat it.' If you do not know the _____ of bad choices and decisions made by others, you will _____ those choices. Learn from the _____ so you can live a full and _____ life.

Look at your Bible. Identify the type, translation, and version. If you have multiple Bibles, do this with each one. You need to know what you have. Look and read the introductory information in your Bible. Often the publishers will write about your bible, but many of us never take the time to read it. You may learn important information about it.

Think About It

1. Why did you decide to learn to study the Bible?
2. What do you hope to gain from learning to study the bible?
3. Think about what you have learned from this session. Did you hear something from the Holy Spirit during this time? Did you find out something that may have changed your thinking about studying the bible?
4. How do you think knowing the bible on a deeper level can change your life?

Locate a passage of scripture in the word that you like. Write it out. Think about what this passage means to you now. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you grow in your understanding of it and write out what you hear from Him. Is that passage or story told elsewhere in scripture? Look it up and see how it may be different than what you just read. For instance, the gospels often have the same stories told in other gospels. It is called Harmony of the Gospels.

Answer Key

- 1 Modern day, sidetracked, information, false teaching.
- 2 Scripture, Inspired, compilation
- 3 absolute miracle
- 4 Inspiration, author
- 5 a. Text, b. Devotional, c. Notebook, Note-Taking, d. Study Bible
- 6 learn, history, repeat, Word, abundant

Video Session 2 – How to Begin

1. The only way to truly get _____ and _____ is by knowing and understanding _____.
2. Prayer - Ask the _____ to open up your mind and your _____ to the word and have Him _____ to you
3. You cannot know what the _____ says if you don't study. You cannot know _____ if you don't work to know it. God _____ you can know the truth, but you have to do the work.
4. We have to grow in _____ and _____ or we will never be able to _____ what God has called us to.
5. Not _____, just human differences.
6. When we _____ to study the word, it begins to _____ the lies of the _____ out of lives and we can begin to see the truth.

Activity

Develop your why! Pray, think it through and write it out. Write where you will see it daily, maybe in multiple places. Even write it in the front of your bible. A reminder will often convict you when you feel like not doing it.

Think About It!

1. Do you believe there are lies of the enemy in your life? Ask Holy Spirit to show them to you. If one comes up that you do not think is a lie, ask Him to begin to give you revelation about it and ask why it is a lie.
2. Have you been confronted with a contradiction in scripture? What was the conclusion, or have you studied it out. Write out what you discovered while studying on it. If you don't get an immediate answer, just continue to pray about it. Often the simplest answer is the correct one.

Now to Apply

Read your 'why' daily, even multiple times a day until it is in your brain. Purpose to make your quiet time important to your very survival and you will honor it. If you make it secondary, you will quit. Develop the habit and make the sacrifice to do it daily, even if it is only a few verses. Always ask Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to the word and write down what you learn. You may be surprised how often you look back on it later.

Answers

1. Free, stay free, truth
2. Holy Spirit, heart, speak
3. Word, truth, promises
4. Maturity, understanding, fulfill
5. Contradictions
6. Purpose, separate, enemy

Video Session 3 – Breakdown of a Study Bible

1. These _____ still have some _____ in them and it doesn't change the _____ it just expresses the _____ of those who wrote the essay.
2. There is nothing _____ than changing someone's life by introducing them to Jesus
3. A _____ is a cross reference for most of the main words in scripture.
4. There is a 'rule' in biblical studies called '_____ of _____.'
5. Practice, _____, _____.

Activity

The Study Bible I use in this session is strongly southern Baptist influence. I was raised southern Baptist but am not currently associated with a southern Baptist church. Go through your study Bible and see if you can tell what denomination or maybe background it is associated with. If you find it is not from one you are familiar with or are nervous that it isn't something you may agree with, don't worry about it. Just filter and maybe you might find some things that make you dig deeper or bring revelation to your current beliefs. Remember, it doesn't change the actual scripture.

Think About It

I talked about the Law of First Mention in scripture. Can you find a principle, a subject or something that proves that out? For instance, in the story of the Exodus, look up and read the 10th plague. Look at the word 'midnight.' Then look for other instances where that word was used. What do you think that means or is saying?

Now To Apply

The only way to apply this is by doing this. Read a verse and study it, using these techniques.

Answer Key

1. Essays, great information, actual scripture, opinions
2. Cooler
3. Concordance
4. Law, first mention,
5. Practice, practice

Video Session 4 – How I Study the Bible

1. The 5 things to remember are:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____

2. It begins with “_____” which tells you that Jesus is about to give you a in _____ the form of a _____ or_____.

3. Because the bible was _____ in other languages, I want to go to the _____

4. The _____ shows the root word

5. _____ are books where different _____ will look at scripture and break it down, giving their _____ of it.

6. Because this session is not telling you my _____ or_____, but only to give you an idea of how I study, I’m going to leave this _____ right here

Activity

Go to your favorite passage in scripture and look at the 5 Things. Write down what you think the Language is, what the circumstances or context was, what do you think the culture was like. It doesn’t have to be correct, just your version at this point. Then who was the speaker or author and who was the audience, or who do you think the passage was addressed to.

Think[^]About It

Take a moment and look at the same scripture and imagine yourself there, in the middle of that situation. What do you think was going on at the time, what you are feeling or sensing about the circumstances or context? How would you have handled it if you were there?

Now to Apply!

Look at that same scripture and see if you see things a bit differently and how you can use it to make positive changes in your life or understanding of the Word.

Answers

1. Language, Circumstances, Culture, Speaker/Author, Audience
2. 'the kingdom of heaven is like', principle, parable, allegory.
3. Written, original language.
4. Etymology
5. Commentaries, authors, understanding
6. View, conclusion, issue

Video Session 5 – Bible Study Methods

What are the various methods to study the bible?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Activity

From each category, make a note list of the ones you would like to do. For instance, pick a book of the bible you would like to study. Then pick a chapter or section you may like to work on. Then find a scripture, a word, character, topic, parable or story, and life application concept. Write out your answers.

Think About It

Which of these types of study do you think you would enjoy the most, and which is your least favorite.

Now to Apply!

Start working through your list of studies. Afterwards, see if you were surprised at which one was the most rewarding and which one you didn't like. Then see if your opinion changed.

Answers

1. Book
2. Chapter/Section
3. Verse
4. Word
5. Character
6. Topical
7. Stories/Parable
8. Life Application

Video Session 6 –Making It a Priority

1. Studying the _____ of _____ is a _____, but so worth the time and effort.

2. “We are the _____ the world is reading; we are the _____ the world is needing; we are the _____ the world is heeding.” - Billy Graham

3. Galatians 5:22-23 – what are the fruit of the spirit?
 _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
 _____, _____, _____, _____

4. If you do _____ like they are _____, God will do _____ like they are _____.’

5. The word _____ forever

6. The only way you can have that kind of _____ is by having the _____ in you.

7. It is our _____ as followers of _____ to _____ the word.

8. So _____ it, make it a _____ in your life, and see what _____ will do with it.

Activity

Look at the fruit of the spirit and identify and write out the ones you wish you were stronger in, and the ones that may need a little work.

Think About It

How do you think your life is a sermon to others, or how you could possible change someone's life could change just by being around you?

Now Apply It!

Pick a date on your calendar that is 1 month, 2 months, 3 months, and 6 months away and make an appointment with yourself. Now when that date comes, ask yourself how you have grown in the fruit of the spirit or changed since studying the Bible! Then write a thank you to the Lord, for what He has done in your life.

Answers

1. Word, God, sacrifice
2. Bibles, creeds, sermons
3. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control
4. Little things, big things, big things, little things
5. Stands
6. Peace, word
7. Job, Christ, know
8. Purpose, priority, God