

Bible Study From the Outside In

The Panorama: Taking in the Big Picture

- Who is the author? When and where was he writing?
- Who was the original audience?
- What was going on in this place, at this time?
- What occurs in the text before and after this passage?
- What kind of Biblical literature is this book?

The Passage: Delving into Details

- What words draw my attention? Which seem most important?
- Are there repeated words or phrases?
- Are there references to other Scriptures?
- What would I consider the key verse of this passage? Why?
- How do these ideas relate to themes or verses elsewhere in the Bible?

The Present: Responding in Praise and Prayer

- Is God leading me to memorize or meditate on any verses?
- What truths are revealed in this passage? Does it reveal the character of God or show me about myself or my community?
- Is God leading me to do anything differently?
- How am I led to pray?
- Respond in worship. Write, speak, read aloud, or sing.

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100:4-5

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Bible Reading Tracker

Track your reading for one month to help build or maintain the habit.

Nourish your soul.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31
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You did it!

Book of the Bible Study Sheet

Use the spaces below to record what you've discovered in your studies.

Book/Author:

Date Written:

Audience

Main Purpose

Context

**Content &
Themes**

Key Verses:

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Use the spaces below to record what you've discovered in your studies.

Chapter _____

I choose to meditate on this verse today:

What Stands Out?
Why?

What I Learned from
Commentary, Cross References,
and Study Notes:

Prayer

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Word Study

I'm studying words from this verse today:

Key Words from this
Chapter:

Key Words in their
Original Language or in
Another Translation:

What stands out? Why?

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Practical Application

I choose to meditate on this verse today:

Truths, commands, examples
to follow and sins to avoid:

What does this passage
say about God? Me?

How this passage can change my today:

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Prayer Journal

Name or Need:

Request:

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Come. Abide.



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31 Days of Wisdom and Growth

Personal Journal and Study Sheets

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Giving From the Overflow

Leading Effectively: Bible Verses for Meditation

Psalm 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Matthew 11:28-29 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Psalm 23:1-3 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Philippians 2:4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

John 15:4-5 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

Psalm 23:5b You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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Giving From the Overflow

Leading Effectively, Bible Study
Worksheet

Date:

Passage:

Observations:

What in this passage is just for me?

What do I feel led to share:

What does this passage lead me to pray?

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Finding a Bible Study Spot

Questions to Ask:

What is my current season?

How much time do I have to study?

Do I need to do my studying "non-traditionally?" (Like while I get ready for work, using a podcast while I'm driving, etc.)

Do I need a "portable office?" If so, when will I set it up?

Do I focus best when things are quiet? Do I need worship music?
Background noise?

Do I need a table top surface?

Do I need a comfy-cozy spot?

What supplies will I be using? Where will I put them? Store them?

Do I need access to a computer? Reference books?

Do I need to create a separate prayer or personal quiet time spot, away from my Bible study work-zone?

Do I need to think outside the box? What can I do differently?

What are my challenges? Do I need to add or eliminate something?

Three Ways to Engage

Scribble:

Grab a notebook and a pen or pencil. As you read through your chosen passage of Scripture, write down anything and everything that occurs to you. Impressions, thoughts, questions, musings, prayers, words or phrases that strike you - anything! Write it out like a bullet point list or take the time to journal.

Doodle:

As you take notes or go back over notes you've taken, add swirls and shapes and colors to the page. Trace important words to make them bold. Try your hand at balloon letters or calligraphy. If an image strikes you, make a little sketch of what you think it might look like. The more you do it, the more comfortable you will be with your doodles.

Read Out Loud:

Find a quiet (ish) space where you won't feel self-conscious. Choose your passage of Scripture and read it out loud. Don't worry about volume or pronunciation, just speak the words.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

