

How to Study The Bible

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The Bible is God's message to everybody. We deceive ourselves if we claim to want to hear His voice but neglect the primary channel through which it comes.

- *Elizabeth Elliot* -

FOUR WAYS TO ORGANIZE YOUR BIBLE NOTEBOOK

○ Inductive Bible Study Method

- Observe: Write down what is obvious to you, questions you may have, the 5 Ws and H
- Interpret: Think critically about what you know, read surrounding passages
- Apply: Ask yourself what is God speaking to you personally? What am I going to do now?

○ SOAP Method (Women Living Well Blog)

- Scripture: Read a portion of the Bible, Write down an impactful verse
- Observe: Write down the 5 Ws and H and any principles of study
- Application: Ask yourself What am I going to do from what I read today? Or what is God teaching me?
- Prayer: Spend time praying for wisdom, strength and direction to move forward with your application.

○ 3H's (Sarah Ivill)

- Head - Observe: Use the 5W's and H and other principles of study as you read
- Heart - Apply: Look for what God wants you to learn or change based on this passage.
- Hands - Act: What action does God want you to take today? What is the first step?

○ 5 P's (Jen Wilkin)

- Purpose: Have a plan and keep on task as best you can.
- Perspective: Remember the whole Bible as you study.
- Patience: Take your time, don't rush. Stop and think about the passage you are on.
- Process: Process all that you are learning over time.
- Prayer: Pray as you study.

Resources:

www.Timeline.biblehistory.com

Interactive Bible Timeline to drop the passage into History.

www.preceptaustin.org

Excellent source for commentaries, maps, outlines, key words, etc.

Chapter by Chapter Bible Commentary by Warren Wiersbe

Bible Map App by Ploughboy

Shows you where in our modern day world are the places in any Biblical passage.

Blue Letter Bible App and You Version App

Both are great for reading the Bible, keep track using a reading plan and comparing two or more different versions of the Bible.

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