

# SESSION ONE

BASIC BOOK STUDY

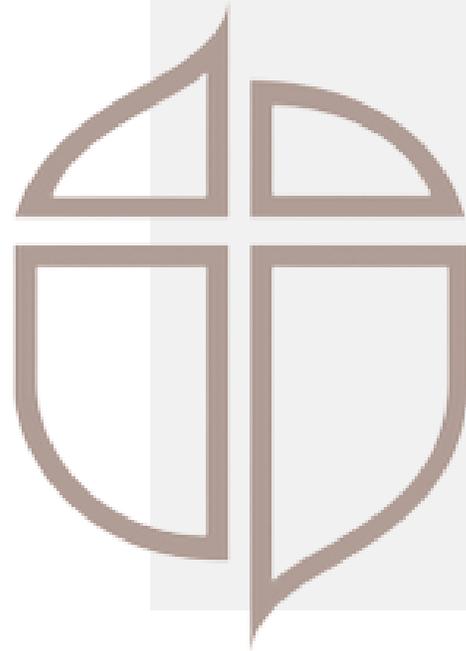
Bible study is not a class you take but a rhythm you keep as a believer.

This method is how we are taught to approach almost all book readings, from an early age. We don't have to check out common sense at the door when approaching the Bible. We can employ this basic approach when starting to study the Bible.



"Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ."

Galatians 1:10



## READ THE WORD

Read **Galatians 1** every day. Make sure you read at least three different translations over the course of this week.

Study the book of Galatians as a whole in order to answer the questions below. Answer "why" questions in context of chapter 1.

## STUDY THE WORD

Pray and ask God to supernaturally help you retain what you have read through and learned as you answer the following questions:

1. **Who**- Identify the author, the main characters, the audience
2. **What**- Identify the type of passage, the text (narrative or prescriptive), the testament (Old or New)
3. **Where**- Where was it written? Where did the recipients live? Where did the events described in this passage take place? Where is this place on the modern-day map?
4. **When**- when was this book written (approximately) When does it fall on the Bible Timeline? (roughly)
5. **Why**- Why was this book originally written? Why do you think God might want you to know this information? Why do you think God might have wanted the original audience to read this?

# SESSION TWO

INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

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This is the most common form of Bible study. Inductive study requires readers to make observations about passages of scripture and then draw conclusions and applications based on those observations. Inductive study can remain basic or become very detailed according to the student's comfort level and knowledge of scripture.

## Cautions:

- Don't "twist Scripture—meaning don't manipulate the text to say something you'd like for it to say. This is a dishonest way to interpret the text.
- Look for the plainest interpretation first. Believe the text means what it says. Sometimes there will be figurative language and confusing imagery, but don't start by looking for the hidden meaning. Start with the obvious.
- Scripture Interprets Scripture. Allow the Bible to help you understand other passages of the Bible. Where similar words are used, explore the context of each of those instances.
- Avoid basing important doctrines on obscure passages.
- Connect each passage back to the gospel and the broader message of the Bible.

## READ THE WORD

Read **Galatians 2** every day. Make sure you read at least three different translations over the course of this week.

Study chapter 2 of Galatians as directed below through Observations, Interpretation and Application.

## STUDY THE WORD

Pray and ask God to supernaturally help you retain what you have read through and learned as you answer the following questions:

**Observation-** begin with the questions from last week, and then a.) identify recurring words or themes, b.) Identify any items that seem to belong together on a list, c.) Identify times the author contrasts something or uses cause-and-effect statement. \*\*be careful not to add or contextualize the passage, just observe\*\*

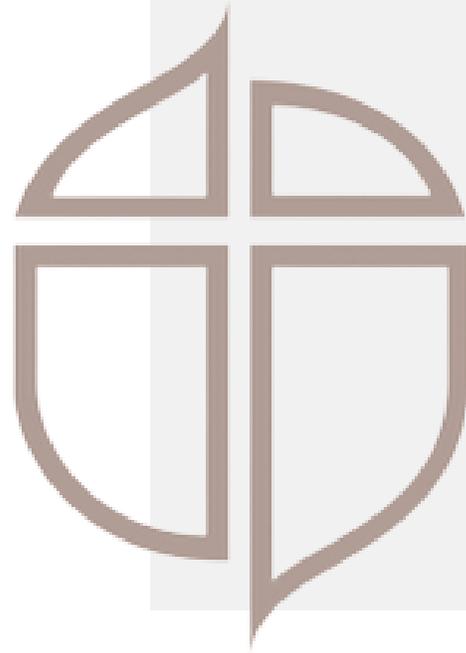
**Interpretation-**from Logos.com

- What is the cultural or historical context of this passage?
- What else do I know about the book, author, and broader context of the passage?
- What other Scripture passages might help me better Interpret this one?
- Have I overlooked anything or made any assumptions? What is the clearest meaning of this text?

**Applications-** Look over what you observed and interpreted from this passage. How might you apply this in your life and your walk with Christ? Has this a.) taught you about God or b.) taught you anything about yourselves which requires a response?

# SESSION THREE

STUDY THE BIBLE BY CHAPTERS



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For those of you who thrive  
In the format of outlining,  
this will be a great method  
for you. Though many  
translations will give  
chapter and passage  
headings, go deeper to fill  
In your outline In  
meaningful ways.

## Go deeper...

Then, using your concordance,  
look up the key words In those  
verses and find out what other  
portions of the Bible say about  
this questions or problem.  
Compare Scripture with  
Scripture to find its true  
meaning. Usually, to understand  
a Bible chapter, you must study  
it together with the preceding or  
following chapters

## READ THE WORD

Read **Galatians 3** every day. Make sure you read at least three different translations over the course of this week.

Follow this steps 1 & 2 listed below to outline Galatians 1-3 (the chapters we have studied, so far)

## STUDY THE WORD

Pray and ask God to supernaturally help you retain what you have read through and learned as you answer the following questions:

1. **Read through each chapter carefully.**
  - a. Seek to find its main subject or subjects
2. **Give each chapter a title that suggest Its main content.**
  - a. If you are reading this Gospel of John, for example, outline similar to this:
    - i. Ch. 1 "Jesus Christ, the Word of God"
    - ii. Ch. 2 "The Wedding at Cana"
    - iii. Ch. 3 "The New Birth"
    - iv. Ch. 4 "The Woman at the Well"
3. **Reread the chapter and make a simple outline.**
  - a. Including its main thoughts
    - i. **"Jesus Christ, the Word of God"**
      1. Jesus Christ was the eternal Word of God, 1-9
      2. Jesus Christ came into the world, 10-18
      3. John witnesses that Christ is to come, 19-28
      4. John says the Jesus Is the Lamb of God, 29-37
      5. Jesus Christ calls His first Disciples, 38-51

# SESSION FOUR

THE SWORD METHOD



Bible study is not a class you take but a rhythm you keep as a believer.

There are four (4) sides to a sword, and there are four (4) questions to ask when studying passage of scripture.



Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

Galatians 4:6

## READ THE WORD

Read **Galatians 4** every day. Make sure you read at least three different translations over the course of this week.

Study the three main sections of Galatians 4 (vs 1-7; 8-20; 21-31) and answer these four questions about each section.

## STUDY THE WORD

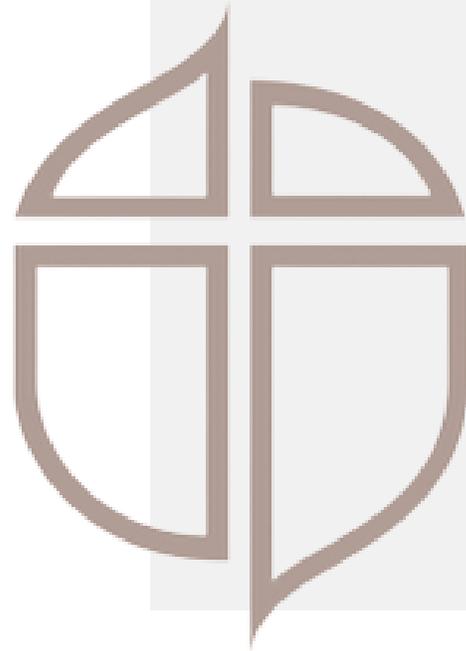
Pray and ask God to supernaturally help you retain what you have read through and learned as you answer the following questions:

1. **What does this teach me about God?**
2. **What does this teach me about man?**
3. **Is there an example to follow?**
4. **Is there a command to obey?**

# SESSION FIVE

F.L.A.P.

Bible study is not a class you take but a rhythm you keep as a believer.



When Debbie Stuart served on the Prestonwood staff she encouraged women to spend 20 minutes in the word God each day for the rest of their life. Here's the method of study she taught.



"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

Galatians 5:22-23

## READ THE WORD

Read **Galatians 5** every day. Make sure you read at least three different translations over the course of this week.

Follow the steps listed in the acronym below to study and dissect Galatians 5.

## STUDY THE WORD

Pray and ask God to supernaturally help you retain what you have read through and learned as you answer the following questions:

### **Facts: What does the scripture say?**

Make a verse-by-verse list of the most obvious facts. Don't paraphrase; use actual words from the passage and list on the facts.

### **Lessons: What does the Scripture mean?**

Look at your list of facts. What do they suggest? What do the details indicate? What can you learn? Identify a lesson to learn from each fact, when possible. Focus on spiritual lessons.

### **Application: What does the scripture mean to me?**

Rewrite the lessons from step 2 in the form of questions. Ask yourself how the lessons apply to your life. What changes do you need to make? What has the Lord revealed to you or prompted you about?

### **Prayer: How do I need to respond to God?**

Write out a prayer of commitment to God regarding what you will do in response to what you have learned and date it. Ask the Lord for opportunities to demonstrate your faith.

