

Applying the Bible to Real Life

What is this All About?

Jesus tells his followers to GO and MAKE DISCIPLES by teaching people how to:

1. Get right with God (Salvation).
2. Allow God to change their lives (Transformation).
3. Learn how to love God and love others (Bible Application).

The **Life Groups** are designed to help YOU get more out of God's Word by studying the passage of Scripture from which the pastor preached the previous Sunday.

How This Works:

1. Plan to spend 30 minutes each week.
2. Get together with friends and Neighbors to discuss the recommended questions and make personal application.
3. This is designed to be SIMPLE, BIBLE FOCUSED, and LIFE-CHANGING.

Anyone can do this, just download the list of questions from the church website each week; and GET STARTED, and commit to growing in God's Word each week. The goal is personal life-application.

Self-Study Tools are Available:

1. The importance of CONTEXT: here is a description for every book of the Bible: (www.kgbc.us/context)
2. Find study questions for EVERY chapter of the Bible on our website: (www.kgbc.us/questions)
3. Here is a suggested FORMAT:

EXPLORE IT: Observe basic facts.

1. Discover the setting, identify people, places, events, and details.
2. It is in the Old or New Testament?
3. Discover the type of literature.
4. Written when, where, why, and to whom?
5. What is this passage telling us: lessons, phrases, topics, terms that are used?

GET IT: Seek to interpret God's intended meaning before seeking personal application; do not read INTO the text.

1. Discover context: what comes before and after the word, phrase, passage, chapter.
2. How does this relate to the rest of the book or the Bible?
3. Is this literal or figurative language?
4. Is the text prescriptive (to DO something) or descriptive (information)?
5. What does the passage teach about Jesus, theology, self, others, God's mission?

6. Remember to let Scripture interpret Scripture: find other passages that address that topic, doctrine, or issue.

APPLY IT: What timeless truth is God teaching me? Trust God to shape and change my...

1. Actions: (God-directed, not self-directed)
2. Character: (attitudes, behaviors, habits, speech, motives)
3. Priorities: (seek first HIS kingdom)
4. Thinking: (have the mind of Christ, a renewed mind and spirit, discern truth from error)
5. Worldview: (to be able to teach, explain, and model Scripture)

Additional Steps with ANY Verse:

Is there a sin to confess & of which repent?
Is there a person I need to love or forgive?
Is there a person I need to encourage?
Is there a person I need to confront?
Is there a truth I need to remember?
Is there a need that I can meet?
Is there an error to avoid?
Is there an example to follow?

Instant Bible Study on Any Verse

Perimeter the Verse: read what comes before and after the verse on which you are meditating.

Paraphrase the Verse: summarize and put it into your own words.

Pulverize the Verse:

1. Emphasize each word by exclamation.
2. Pick two or three words that represent God's message.
3. Ask about the words - who? what? when? where? why? how?

Personalize the Verse: Put yourself and God directly into the verse on which you are meditating.

Pray the Verse Back to God: sighting adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication.

Parallel the Verse: locate any verses that are on the same theme as the one on which you are meditating.

Problems in the Verse: of doctrine, reproof, correction and training in righteousness which need to be addressed.

Possibilities of Helping Others Through the Verse: through prayer, word or deed.



My Prayer for NEW LIFE in Others

Give me a broken heart for others who need to know Jesus as Savior and Lord (John 4:35).

Help me get ready and be ready to effectively share biblical truth with lost people (1 Peter 3:15-16).

Draw and reveal yourself to _____ (John 6:44).

Help _____ to understand the truth about Jesus and his mission (John 14:6).

Help _____ to understand the depth of your love and sacrificial death (John 3:16, Romans 5:8).

Convict _____ of the need to turn from the sin of unbelief by trusting Jesus alone for forgiveness and everlasting life (Titus 3:3-7, John 16:7-9).

Give me the power and boldness to tell _____ about your love and help me to teach them all that you have commanded me (John 14:15, Matthew 28:19-20).

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