

How to Study **THE BIBLE**



OBSERVATION

What do I see?

Pray

Read and annotate

Summarize

Ask: Who? What? When? Where?
Why? How?

Read in repetition

Read another translation

Listen to an audio version

Divide sections into an outline

Look for themes, including...

- Bible
- God
- Jesus Christ
- Holy Spirit
- Man
- Angels & Satan
- Sin
- Salvation
- Church
- Prophecy

Find repeated words, key words or phrases, transitions

Consider context:
before & after the passage

How is God described?

What impacts me the most?

INTERPRETATION

What does it mean?

What do I learn about God?

What do I learn about people?

Explore further a word, phrase or idea

Ask questions

Memorize key passages

Consider context: geographical,
historical, cultural

Use tools: dictionary, map,
concordance, cross-reference,
commentary, paraphrase, Hebrew
& Greek word studies

APPLICATION

What will I do as a result?

From what I learn, how will I respond to God?

Is there something I will start doing or stop doing?

Application tools: Look for a...

- promise to claim
- principle to follow
- prayer to pray
- praise to offer
- warning to heed
- example to follow
- sin to avoid
- teaching to believe
- blessing for which to give thanks
- command to obey

If I believe this about God, how will I change as a result?