

Bethel CrossRoads Baptist Church

Men's Bible Study

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HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

[10 Powerful Ways to Study the Bible]

Always look for key verses that stand out to you.

Introduction: A Carpenter and His Tools

The Bible is not merely a book—it is the living Word of God. But to benefit fully from its power, wisdom, and truth, believers must learn how to study it correctly.

This dynamic 10-lesson series equips Christians with practical, Spirit-led strategies for engaging with Scripture personally, purposefully, and powerfully.

Each lesson introduces a unique method of Bible study, rooted in the King James Version (KJV), helping believers to grow in understanding, strengthen their walk with Christ, and become better equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16–17).

From foundational methods like the SOAP technique to deeper tools such as word studies, character profiles, and verse mapping, this series emphasizes not just learning about the Bible but letting the Bible transform the learner.

Just as a carpenter must know how to use a hammer, saw, and square correctly, every Christian must learn to use the Bible—not just to read it, but to study and apply it.

Lesson 1: The SOAP Method

2 Timothy 3:16–17 KJV

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

- **S – Scripture:** *2 Timothy 3:16–17*

- **O – Observation:** All Scripture is inspired. It teaches, corrects, trains.
- **A – Application:** I must study the Bible daily to grow and be equipped.
- **P – Prayer:** “Lord, help me to study Your Word with seriousness and joy. Make me ready for every good work.”

S – Scripture (write it out)

- **Verse 16:** “**All Scripture is God-breathed.**” The Bible is not man’s opinion—it’s **divine revelation**, breathed out by the Holy Spirit. “**Profitable**” means it’s not only true, it’s **useful**:

- ✚ *Doctrine* – What to believe
- ✚ *Reproof* – What not to believe
- ✚ *Correction* – What not to do
- ✚ *Instruction in righteousness* – What to do

- **Verse 17:** “**Perfect**” means mature. “**Furnished**” means equipped like a soldier ready for battle. Without the Word, the believer is unequipped and vulnerable.

S – Scripture (write it out)
O – Observation (what stands out?)

Ask:

- What word or phrase stood out to you?
- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about ourselves?

Why is it important to believe the Bible is *inspired*—not just a religious book?

Key Observations:

- “**All Scripture**” – not just your favorite verses
- It’s God’s breath, not man’s ideas
- It teaches truth, corrects lies, and trains you to live holy

S – Scripture (write it out)
O – Observation (what stands out?)
A – Application (How does it apply?)

- Is my life shaped by **all** of God’s Word—or just the parts I agree with?
- How has God corrected or trained me lately through His Word?

James 1:22 – “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only...”

The Bible isn’t optional—it’s essential. Without it, we can’t grow, serve, or stand strong in the faith.

What doctrine have you learned lately?

When has the Bible corrected you like a loving Father?

Are you letting the Word equip you for life, family, ministry, and spiritual warfare?

Write down one truth God taught them.

Write down one correction or reproof they recently received.

S – Scripture	(write it out)
O – Observation	(what stands out?)
A – Application	(How does it apply?)
P – Prayer	(Respond to God)

Write a **personal prayer** based on what you have learned.

Sample Prayer:

“Father, thank You for the power and purpose of Your Word. Thank You that every line is God-breathed and useful to shape our lives. Help us to love sound doctrine, receive correction, and walk in righteousness. Make us fully equipped—ready for every good work You’ve called us to do. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.”

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Challenge for the Week:

- SOAP three passages this week (e.g., **Psalm 119:9–11, Romans 12:1–2, Philippians 4:6–7**)

- Reflect:
- What part of SOAP was hardest or easiest for you?

Questions:

1. Why should we believe the entire Bible is inspired?

Because it's the only way to trust God's Word fully without picking and choosing.

2. What four uses does Paul list for Scripture?

Doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness.

3. What is God's purpose for giving us the Bible?

So we can be mature and equipped for every good work.

Who Can Study the Bible?

1. Those Who Are Believers

2. Those Who Are Diligent

3. Those Who Have a Great Desire

4. Those Who Are Holy

5. Those Who Are Spirit-Controlled

6. Those Who Are Prayerful

Seven great, biblical reasons every Christian should seriously study God's Word.

1. To Know God Personally

2. To Grow Spiritually

3. To Defend Against Error and Temptation

4. To Know God's Will

5. To Teach Others the Truth

6. To Be Equipped for Every Good Work

7. Because It's the Voice of God

Whether you're a new believer or a seasoned disciple, this series will challenge and inspire you to handle God's Word with reverence, skill, and joy—making Bible study not just a habit, but a life-transforming encounter.