
Now That I Have Decided To Follow Jesus . . .



I Can Have a Great Bible Study



“Using the Bible To Teach the Bible”

Lesson 5

Bible Studies for New Christians

OPENING QUESTIONS

1 Peter 1:3

Have you been born again? Y N
Does the phrase “born again” imply a capacity for growth? Y N

1 Peter 2:2

How are you to grow?
Can you grow without taking in the Word of God? Y N
If you do not feed a baby properly, it will not develop and mature. In terms of spiritual growth, the same thing can happen. T F

Colossians 2:6, 7

Christians grow by being built up and strengthened in the faith. T F
The more we understand the Bible, the more established and built up we are. T F

Acts 20:32

What is the Word of God designed to do?

THIS LESSON WILL LOOK AT FOUR ISSUES:

- **BENEFITS OF BIBLE STUDY**
- **ACTIONS NEEDED FOR EFFECTIVE BIBLE STUDY**
- **ATTITUDES NEEDED FOR EFFECTIVE BIBLE STUDY**
- **SUGGESTED RULES FOR BIBLE STUDY**

ISSUE #1: BENEFITS OF BIBLE STUDY

2 Timothy 3:16, 17

What benefits can you gain from God’s Word?

2 Timothy 2:15

Bible study will help you to be spiritually adequate (approved). T F

Psalm 119:9

How can you keep your heart pure?

Psalm 119:11

How can you keep from sinning against God?

Psalm 119:18

What would be a good prayer?

Psalm 119:72

What is God’s Word worth?

Psalm 119:98–100

What are some benefits gained from God’s Word?

Proverbs 22:17–19

Listening to and studying God’s Word will result in trust in the Lord. T F

1 John 2:14

John described spiritual young men as those who have “overcome the evil one.” T F
How did they overcome the evil one?

Does this imply that by being “strong” in the Word of God you can limit Satan’s impact on your life? Y N

Psalm 119:24

The words of God are like _____.

Tell how you feel about this statement: There simply cannot be a healthy Christian life apart from a knowledge of the Word of God. Why do you feel this way?

ISSUE #2: ACTIONS NEEDED FOR EFFECTIVE BIBLE STUDY

Romans 10:17

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. T F

Where and when are you most likely to be able to hear the Word of God?

Luke 11:28

Is it important *not* to be a passive listener? Y N

If you do not know God's Word, obeying it will be very difficult. T F

1 Timothy 4:13

Was it important to the apostle Paul for God's people to hear the Word of God? Y N
 Is it important to you? Y N

Matthew 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17

Man shall live by _____.
 Is all Scripture useful and God-breathed? Y N
 Do these verses imply that God wants you to be familiar with His entire Word? Y N

Did you know?

- ❖ Three chapters read every day and five on Sunday will take you through the entire Bible in one year.
- ❖ If you read three Old Testament chapters and three in the New Testament every day, you will finish the Old Testament once and the New Testament four times in a year.

ISSUE #3: ATTITUDES NEEDED FOR EFFECTIVE BIBLE STUDY

<i>What attitudes are suggested by these verses?</i>	
2 Timothy 2:15	
Acts 17:11	
1 Peter 2:1, 2	
James 1:23-25	

ISSUE #4: SUGGESTED RULES FOR BIBLE STUDY

1. Know who was speaking (Matthew 9:3).
 Of what was Jesus accused in this passage?

Why is it important to know who was speaking?

2. Know to whom the statement was being made (Genesis 6:14).

Did God command the building of an ark? Y N
 Should you build an ark today? Y N
 (Give the reason for your answer.)

3. Know when it was spoken (Luke 23:39-43).

Was Jesus crucified with two criminals? Y N
 Was one of the thieves saved? Y N

Why is the time frame (when the statements in these verses were spoken) important?

4. Consider the immediate context (John 9:4).

It is wrong to work at night. T F

Why is it important to consider the context of a verse of Scripture?

5. Look for personal application.

Ask these questions:

- "Are there any sins to forsake?"
- "Are there any promises to claim?"
- "Are there any good examples to follow?"
- "Are there any bad examples to avoid following?"
- "Are there any commands to obey?"

SUMMARY & APPLICATION

What have you learned in this lesson?

What changes do you need to make in regard to your Bible study?

Remember:

Those in Berea were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica because "they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11).