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STUDENTS

# PHILIPPIANS

*How to Study The Bible Resource*

## Philippians, CSB

WEEK 1 (January 10th): PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

WEEK 2 (January 17th): PHILIPPIANS 1:12-30

WEEK 3 (January 24th): PHILIPPIANS 2: 1-11

WEEK 4 (January 31st): PHILIPPIANS 2: 12-30

WEEK 5 (February 6th): PHILIPPIANS 3

WEEK 6 (February 14th): PHILIPPIANS 4

### 1. Observation & Comprehension | What does the text say?

After reading the passage in its entirety at least once, begin working with smaller portions of the Scripture. Read a passage of Scripture repetitively, and then mark the following items in the text:

- Key or repeated words and ideas
- Key themes
- Transition words (example: therefore, but, because, if/then, likewise, etc)
- Lists
- Comparisons and contrasts
- Commands
- Unfamiliar words (look these up in a dictionary)
- Questions you have about the text

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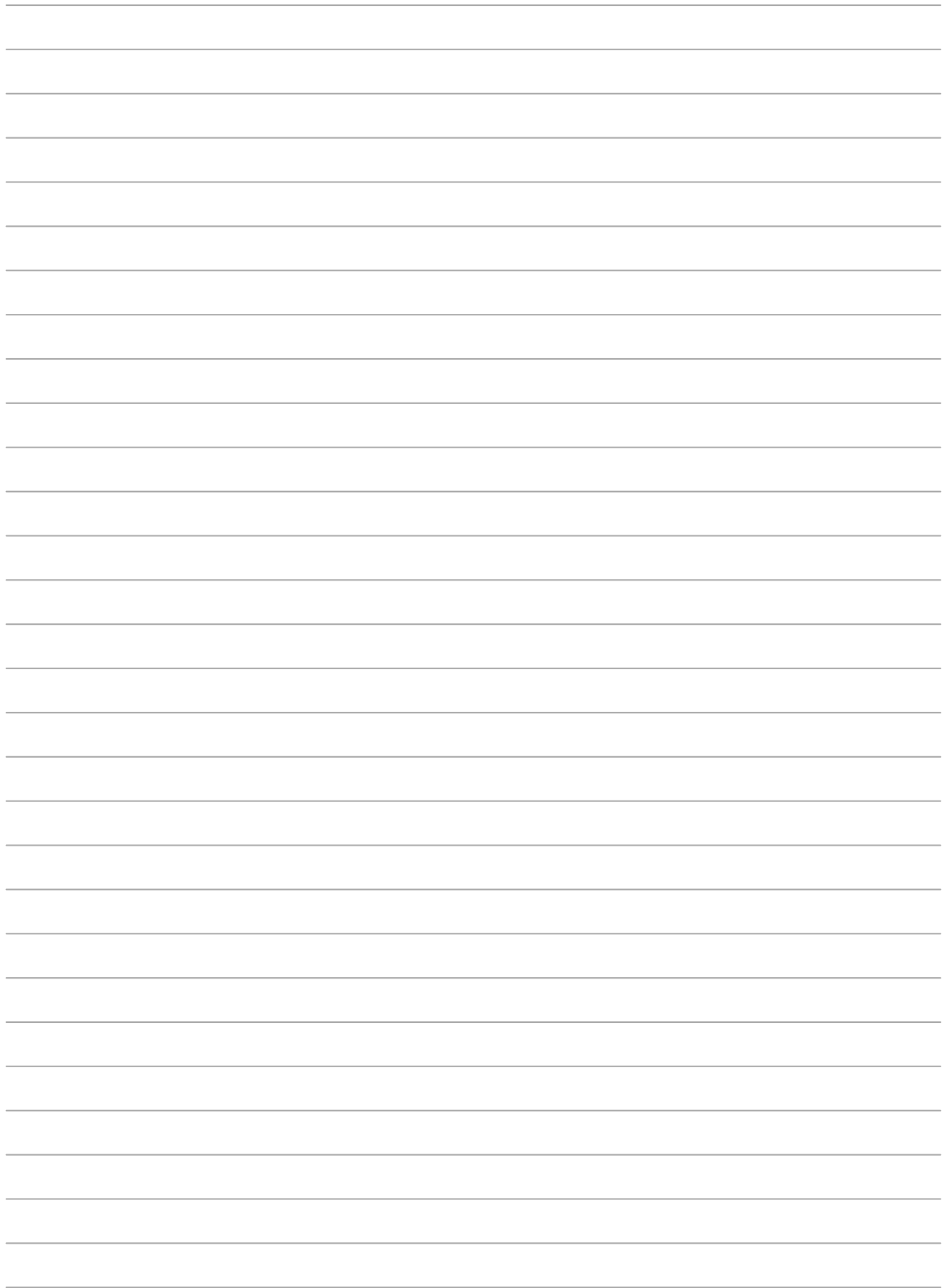
## 2. Interpretation | What does the text mean?

- Once you have annotated the text, work through the following steps to help you interpret its meaning:
  - Read the passage in other versions for a better understanding of the text.
  - Read cross-references to help interpret Scripture with Scripture.
  - Paraphrase or summarize the passage to check for understanding.
  - Identify how the text reflects the metanarrative of Scripture, which is the story of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration.
  - Read trustworthy commentaries if you need further insight into the meaning of the passage.


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- Bible study is not merely an intellectual pursuit. The truths about God, ourselves, and the gospel that we discover in Scripture should produce transformation in our hearts and lives. Answer the following questions as you consider what you have learned in your study:
  - What attributes of God's character are revealed in the passage?
    - Consider places where the text directly states the character of God, as well as how His character is revealed through His words and actions.
  - What do I learn about myself in light of who God is?
    - Consider how you fall short of God's character, how the text reveals your sin nature, and what it says about your new identity in Christ.
  - How should this truth change me?
    - A passage of Scripture may contain direct commands telling us what to do or warnings about sins to avoid in order to help us grow in holiness. Other times our application flows out of seeing ourselves in light of God's character. As we pray and reflect on how God is calling us to change in light of His Word, we should be asking questions like, "How should I pray for God to change my heart?" and "What practical steps can I take toward cultivating habits of holiness?"

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For me, to live is Christ and to die  
is gain.

Philippians 1:21

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or  
conceit, but in humility consider others  
as more important than yourselves.

Philippians 2:3

Don't worry about anything, but in  
everything, through prayer and petition  
with thanksgiving, present your request  
to God.

Philippians 4:6

I am able to do all things through him  
who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13



