

3x5 Bible Study Journal

FOR THE BEGINNING BIBLE STUDENT

*5 Verses
5 Days
5 Weeks*

TRAINING NEW BIBLE
STUDENTS TO DIVE DEEP
INTO THE WORD OF GOD



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WELCOME!!

Dear Follower of Jesus,

We all want beginning Bible students to be fully equipped and prepared to serve the Kingdom as they are transformed into the image of Christ. One of the first steps is to teach them how to study the Word of God for themselves.

The 3x5 Bible Study Journal for Beginning Bible Students does just that. Join us on this journey through a time-tested Bible Study method they will use for the rest of their lives!

The following pages contain instructions on how to use this book. You will find it thrilling to watch your students, young and old, learn to study the Word of God with you!

Now, let's get started!

In His Service,

Matt Parker

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THE PLAN

The purpose of this book is to train new believers and beginning Bible students to study His Word. Don't be afraid to take it slow.

You can do 5 verses a week or, if you are working with younger believers, it may be helpful to increase the verses slowly. Start with 1 verse for week one, 2 for week two, 3 for week 3, 4 for week 4, and finish up with the full 5 verses for the final week. The goal is to teach the study method.

In the INTERPRET section, choose a few keywords from each verse to define using a Bible Dictionary to gain a better understanding of the text and its meaning.

One of the best and easiest to use FREE resources available is the Blue Letter Bible found at www.blueletterbible.org in your favorite App Store.

After you have defined all the words (1 or 2 per verse to begin) rewrite the passage inserting the definitions for our vocabulary words, or simply restate the passage in your own words to ensure understanding.

The Application and Reflection sections are very self-explanatory and are the icing on the cake as we learn more and more of the nature and character of God.

The next few pages break down each section for further instruction.

Enjoy your time in the WORD!

HOW TO USE THIS JOURNAL

T

TEXT

Use this space to write out word for word the verses you have chosen to study broken down into clauses or phrases.

O

OBSERVE

What do you actually observe in the text? Answer the questions: Who, What, When, Where, How

I

INTERPRET

What do your observations MEAN? Record the definitions for 2 to 3 keywords per verse or other important phrases. Research using books, or software like Blue Letter Bible to help you.

A

APPLY

Use these pages to make specific applications to your life. Does the text contain Sins to avoid, Promises to claim, Attitudes / Actions to adopt, Commands to obey, Examples to follow, or Truths to obey?

R

REFLECT

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Reference: Colossians 1:3-7

(3) We always thank God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
when we pray for you,
for we have heard of your faith in Christ
Jesus and of the love you have for all the
saints
because of the hope reserved for
you in heaven.
You have already heard about this hope
in the word of truth, the gospel
that has come to you.
It is bearing fruit and growing
all over the world,
just as it has among you since the
day you heard it and
came to truly appreciate God's
grace.
You learned this from Epaphras,
our dearly loved fellow servant.
He is a faithful minister of Christ
on your behalf.

NOTES

Always? How
does one do that?

I wonder how they
heard? How did
they show love to
the saints?

What is "fruit"
and how do we
know it is
growing?

Who is Epaphrus?



OBSERVE

Record what you actually observe in the text. Be sure to record all that is there, but be careful to avoid adding things that aren't.

Who:

*God, Jesus, Paul (writer), Colossians
(hearers), Epaphras*

What:

*Paul is thanking God for them. He is
praying for them. They are bearing
fruit all over the world. They are
taught by Epiphra.*

When:

*Unknown from the text. Research =
Paul's first imprisonment in Rome.*

Where:

*Calassae, Rome (Paul is writing from there)
-- Look this up in a Bible Atlas or maps
(Google, Blue Letter Bible, or Bible Hub)*

How:

*You will not always have an answer
for every item!*

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Bible, or other Bible
Study Software*



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V. 3 - **Pray** - Strong's:

proseúchamai, pros-yoo'-kham-ahee; to

pray to God, i.e. supplicate, worship

Vine's: "to pray," is always used of "prayer"

to God, and is the most frequent word in this

respect,

V. 4 - **Saints** - Vine's: *fundamentally*

signifies "separated" (among the Greeks,

dedicated to the gods), and hence, in

Scripture in its moral and spiritual

significance, separated from sin and

therefore consecrated to God, sacred.

V. 5 - **Hope** - Strong's: *to anticipate, usually*

with pleasure); expectation (abstractly or

concretely) or confidence:—faith, hope

Gospel - *euangélion, yoo-ang-ghel'-ee-on;*

a good message, i.e. the gospel: Good news

or good tidings.

NOTES

*Note the use of
Vine's Expository
Dictionary of Old
and New Testament
Words in addition to
the Strong's
Exhaustive
Concordance.*



APPLY

Scripture is meant to bring change in our lives, to make us more like Jesus. Use these pages to make specific application to your life.

S - Sins to Avoid

Not in this text

P - Promises to Claim

Not in this text

A - Actions / Attitudes to Pursue

Thankfulness for other saints, consistent prayer, Hopefulness, faithfulness

C - Commands to Obey

Not really in this text, though one could extract a command to pray, be thankful, and bear fruit

E - Examples to Follow

Paul: praying and thankfulness. The Colossians: Faithfulness, fruit-bearing. Epaphras: faithfulness and concern for others

T - Truths to Accept

God is the Father of Christ. Epaphras was dearly loved and faithful.

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Not every verse will have an answer to every question. It is ok to leave it blank or fill it in as noted here.

Note this wasn't explicitly commanded in the text.

Simple truths learned directly from the passage

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What did these passages reveal about ...

... God?

Though God wasn't directly addressed or spoken of, other than to be declared as the Father of Jesus Christ, we understand from this text that He apparently is ready to listen to the thankful prayers of the saints on behalf of others.

... you?

I realized while reading that my prayer life tends to be focused on ME, on my needs or things I am asking for. I need to spend more time being Thankful to God for those both in my life and those I have heard about that are faithful, like Paul did with the Colossians.

... your relationship with Jesus?

Again, not just in prayer, but in action, my "walk" tends to be very ME focused. Both Paul and Epaphras seemed to have more concern for others, namely the Colossians, than they did for themselves. That is convicting to me and a point of attention.



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Father,

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Thank you for teaching me all your ways and giving me the strength to follow them.

Now, use the space below to write out a prayer of your own!

Father, thank you once again for meeting me and teaching me.

Thank you for the example Paul and Epaphras are in this short text regarding the faithfulness of the saints and praying with a thankful heart.

Thank you for the saints and people whom you've put in my path, like you did Epaphras for Colossae. Thank you for my parents, my wife, and my pastor. They are all such faithful warriors for the Kingdom. Help me today to spend less time looking for how I can do better, and help me to simply be thankful for the people and things you have already brought into my life to draw me closer to you.

Thank you for Jesus, thank you for Salvation.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

WEEK ONE

*Now if any of you lacks
wisdom, he should ask
God—who gives to all
generously and
ungrudgingly—and it will be
given to him.*

James 1:5

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*Now Ezra had determined
in his heart to study the law
of the Lord, obey it, and
teach its statutes and
ordinances in Israel.*

Ezra 7:10

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*I will meditate on your
precepts and think about
your ways. I will delight in
your statutes; I will not
forget your word.*

Psalm 119:15-16

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*Hold on to instruction; don't
let go. Guard it, for it is
your life.*

Proverbs 4:13

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All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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