

Workshop: Bible Study Methods

Key Man's Invitational Feb. 22, 2013

II Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling (NKJ rightly dividing) the word of truth.

I. Workman (see word study)

II. The Navigator Bible Studies Handbook

- A. Question and Answer
- B. Verse Analysis
- C. ABC Bible Study
- D. Search the Scriptures
- E. Advanced ABC Bible Study
- F. Comprehensive Book Analysis
- G. Topical Bible Study
- H. Bible Character Study

III. Independent Bible Study, Irving Jensen

Summary:

- A. Read
 - 1. Cursory Reading
 - 2. Subsequent reading
 - a. Record of observations
 - b. The horizontal book chart
- B. Use of outside aids
- C. Analytical Chart
 - Stage 1. Preliminaries
 - 1. Length of segment
 - 2. Paragraph divisions
 - 3. Paragraph titles
 - 4. Paragraph themes
 - 5. Initial observations
 - 6. 3 major components of analytical charts:
 - a. Textual re-creation
 - b. A main topical study
 - c. Supplemental studies
 - Stage 2. A main topical Study
 - 1. Key center and its relations
 - 2. Recording this study
 - a. In the Bible
 - b. On a rough worksheet

Stage 3. Textual Recreation

Stage 4. Related Studies
Cross references

Stage 5. Interpretation and Application

IV. The Joy of Discovery, Oletta Wald
(workbook to accompany Methodical Bible Study, by Robert Traina)

Step 1 OBSERVE
Step 2 INTERPRET
Step 3 SUMMARIZE
Step 4 EVALUATE
Step 5 APPLY
Step 6 CORRELATE

V. Studying, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible, Walt Henrichsen

A. Improving Bible Study Skills

1. Observation: The Role of a Detective (What does it say?)

a. Use six basic questions:

1. Who?
2. What?
3. When?
4. Where?
5. Why?
6. How?

b. Form and structure of the passage

c. Key words

d. Comparisons and contrasts

e. Old Testament references

f. Progression of an Idea, or Thought Chain

g. Proportions

h. Repetitions

i. Visualize the verbs

j. Picture the illustrations

k. Examine explanations

l. Connecting words and conjunctions

m. Be willing to change your viewpoint

n. Mark your Bible as you read

2. Interpretation: The Role of a Decision Maker (What does it *mean*?)

- a. Purpose
Why did the writer bring up or record this?
- b. Key Thought
What is the big idea?
- c. Flow
How did the writer get to where he is?

See Henrichsens' Book,

24 Rules of Interpretation:

General Principles of Interpretation

Grammatical Principles of Interpretation

Historical Principles of Interpretation

Theological Principles of Interpretation

27 Rules of Application:

Foundational Principles of Application

Principles on Personal Responsibility

Principles on Our Perception of God's Word

Principles on the Product of Disobedience

Principles on the Life of Application

Principles on People in the Process of Application

VI. Basic Worksheet

3 columns:

Text WHAT DOES IT SAY?	Observations/Interpretation/Problems WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	Application WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

References:

12 Dynamic Bible Study Methods, Rick Warren, Victor Books

Independent Bible Study, Irving Jensen, Moody Press

Search the Scriptures, NavPress

Studying, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible, Walter Henrichsen, Gayle Jackson,

Zondervan

The Joy of Discovery, Oletta Wald, Bible Banner Press

The Navigator Bible Studies Handbook, NavPress

Study Helps:

A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament, Bullinger, Zondervan

Dictionary of Old Testament Words for English Readers, Aaron Pick, Kregel Publications.

Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, W.E. Vine, Revell

The Zondervan Parallel New Testament in Greek and English, Zondervan

PC Study Bible

U Version iPhone App

The Word Study Method of Bible Study

1. English Word:
2. English Definition:
3. Comparison of Translations:
4. Original Word and Short Definition:
5. Occurrences in the Bible:
6. Root Word and Origin (use reference books)
7. How the Word Was Used:
 - a. In other writings
 - b. In the Bible
 - c. In the context of the passage
8. Application

Resource Books Used:

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¹ From 12 Dynamic Bible Study Methods, Richard Warren.