

# Studying God's Word

Foundation One S-L4

## Notes

When and why do you study?

**Study** - to gain and retain knowledge

**Know** – to learn by heart

Eagerness – excited or enthusiastic

We need to be pondering and examining God's Word every day.

We need to make sure others are sharing the truth with us.

**Quoting** – to repeat what was read or heard

## A. Studying

The reason for “**Studying**” is: “to gain and \_\_\_\_\_” or “careful to examination”

### 3 Reasons Why We Study the Word

1. Studying God's Word causes us to carefully **examine** the Scriptures. Asking questions like, “How does this scripture apply to me” and “What does this scripture really mean.”

2. Studying God's Word causes us to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Studying causes us to **know** the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 17:11 says “...They listened to the message with great eagerness, and every day they studied the Scripture to see if what Paul said was really true.” (GN)

How often does the Bible say they studied the Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did they study? To see if what Paul said was \_\_\_\_\_.

The end result of studying God's Word is **knowing God better**.

## B. Knowing the Truth

The number one reason for studying the Scriptures is to **know** the **truth**.

John 8:32 says, “you shall **know the truth** and the truth shall set you **free**.” (NKJV)

2 Timothy 2:15 “Be a good workman...Know what His Word says and means.” (LB)

There is a difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. **Quoting** the Word is not enough; quoting comes from the head, meaning or knowing the Word comes from the \_\_\_\_\_.

“You shall **know the truth** and the truth shall set you **free**.” God requires each of us to **know His Word**.

Psalms 119:15 “I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways.” (NLT)



Write this Statement Down:

The most important thing in life is \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Believer's \_\_\_\_\_ so that they will know how to \_\_\_\_\_ apply the Word of Truth.

### **This Week's Memory Verse**

2 Timothy 2:15 *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* (KJV)

## **7 Reasons Why We Should Study Until You Know**

In this section based on the statements, take a second or two to make a determination about *where you think you are spiritually*, and then make a decision about *what you think you need to do to grow passed where you are presently*.

The 1st reason for studying is, to **know** with \_\_\_\_\_. The definition of "know" (to perceive or understand as fact or truth; with clarity and with certainty)

The 2nd reason is to **know** God's Word by \_\_\_\_\_. The definition of "know" (to have fixed in the memory: to know something by heart).

The 3rd reason for studying is to **know** God \_\_\_\_\_. The definition of "know" (to be very familiar, well known, or acquainted with).

The 4th reason for studying is to \_\_\_\_\_ and apply. The definition of "know" (to understand from experience or practice).

The 5th reason is to **know** the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The definition of "know" (to be able to distinguish between).

The 6th reason for studying is to **know** God when you \_\_\_\_\_ Him. The definition of "know" (to recognize).

The 7th reason for studying is to develop an \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with Him. The definition of "know" (to be intimate with).

*"My people are being destroyed because **they don't know me**..."* Hosea 4:6a (NLT)

**1 John 2:3-6** *"And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. If someone claims, 'I know God,' but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did."*

Knowing God means entering into a **personal relationship** with Him, it means spending time with Him to get to know Him better.

### Teaching Notes

1 Do you know God's Word with certainty and confidence? If not, what do you have to do?

2 We must know what it says and means. Do I have God's Word memorized by heart? If not, what do you have to do?

3 To know His names, His ways, His attributes His character. Do I really know God or about Him?

4 Do you have history together? Do you know God because you have experiences with Him?

5 Do you know truth from error?

6 Do you know God when you see Him? Can you identify or recognize His presence?

7 Do you know Him within your innermost being? Have you opened up to Him in every area of your life?

If any of your answers are **"I don't know"** that's a good reason to study His Word.

### 3 Ways to Improve Your Study Time

#### Suggestion #1. Use Bible \_\_\_\_\_

Like a Bible Dictionary, a Bible Concordance, and a Bible Commentary. They are loaded with helpful information to help you with key word searches or topic searches. The internet is also a good tool to use for studying.

#### Suggestion #2. \_\_\_\_\_



Color code key verses so when you go through situations in life, you will be able to identify key verses quickly that speak to your situation. Because these are Scriptures that you have studied out, you are now able to correctly apply the Word of God to any situation you face.

Faith might be in Blue,  
Finance might be in green,  
Healing might be in yellow.

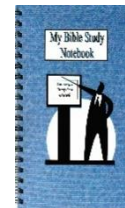


#### Suggestion #3. Question \_\_\_\_\_

The secret of effective Bible study is knowing how to **ask the right questions**.

Here are some questions you could ask, that will apply to any passage of scripture.

**Who** is in this passage of scripture? **What** does this passage mean? **Where** does this passage take place? **When** is it happening? **How** does this passage apply to me? Then write down your answers in a notebook. A notebook is a good tool designed to help you study and remember God's Word.



### The 5 Subject Notebook Set Up

#### Section 1 – Review

List scriptures you want to go back and reread again, anything you have heard during a sermon, seminar, or Bible study class; any passage of Scripture or Bible story that you want to remember.

#### Section 2 – Memorizing and Meditating on Scripture

Practice memorizing and meditating on Scripture. A good time to memorize Scripture is during your study time. Other times are when you are meditating, exercising, walking or running.

Review the section on Memorizing scripture and Meditating on scripture to help you set up this section in your notebook. Write down a verse to memorize and meditate on for the week.

### Section 3 – Study Section

The secret of effective Bible study is knowing how to ask the right questions. Apply the Who? What? Where? When? Why? and How? to any passage of Scripture, then write down your answers in a notebook. You could do a Word Study or a Topic Study. Remember to date it.

### Section 4 – Prayer Request

Write down your prayer request with the promises that you're claiming from the Bible.

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date Answered \_\_\_\_\_

My Request \_\_\_\_\_

Bible Promise (Write the Bible verse or verses) \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 146:6b "...He keeps every promise forever"

### Section 5 – Prayer List

Make a list of people you want to pray for.

(Mon.) Family Members \_\_\_\_\_

(Tues.) Christian Friends \_\_\_\_\_

(Wed.) Friends I'd like to see become Christians \_\_\_\_\_

(Thurs.) Church Leaders/ Ministries \_\_\_\_\_

(Fri.) Spouse, Finances, the sick, other needs, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

### Prayer Aids and Reminders

Make a list of the things **God has done** for you and the ways He's blessed your life.

Make a list of **God's Character Traits** and the scriptural references where they're found, then review them while you are praying. Make a commitment to apply each one to your life. Write down and learn the different **Names of God**, then begin praying and worshiping God in the realm of who He is.

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#### Bible Reading

*"Remember your **promise to me**; it is my only hope.*

*Your promise revives me; it comforts me in all my troubles."*

Ps. 119:49-50

*"He **remembers** his covenant forever, the **promise** he made, for a thousand generations..."*

Ps. 105:8 (NIV)



# Personal Application

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In this space write about what you learned during this lesson.

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you taken the TIME to set up your notebook? \_\_\_\_\_

Take a minute or two, to think about studying and quoting God's Word. Quoting comes from the head, knowing God's Word comes from the heart.



Write out this week's memory verse in this section. Read the memory verse 3 times a day and try to memorize it or its meaning.

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✓ Off each day that you worked on trying to remember a Bible verse or studying its meaning.

**Remember God's Word says:** *"I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways."* Psalm 119:15

☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday

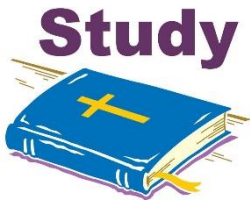
Take a moment to write a prayer request for the week.

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# L-4 Studying God's Word Home Assignment

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Group Lead \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the blanks

1. The reason for studying is to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Studying God's Word causes us to carefully \_\_\_\_\_ the Scriptures.
3. Studying God's Word causes us to know the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Studying causes us to know the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The most important thing in life is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. According to 1John 2: 3, how can we be sure that we know God? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
7. Name one way to improve your study time? \_\_\_\_\_.
8. According to Psalm 146:6 b, God keeps \_\_\_\_\_ promise for how long? \_\_\_\_\_.