Community Group Discussion Guide

Studying the Bible

**Watch the Studying the Bible teaching video on** [**thechapel.com/chapelplus**](https://thechapel.com/chapel-plus/)**. Use the Video teaching notes and interactive notes to guide your viewing.**

**After viewing the video, discuss the following questions with your Community Group:**

1. What are some common challenges you face when studying the Bible?
2. What are you currently studying in the Bible? What have you been learning from this study?
3. Describe your typical habits when reading and studying Scripture.
   * Do you spend time in prayer before/during/after reading?
   * Do you typically read a book of the Bible? A passage? A verse?
   * What questions do you ask as your read?
4. What is the danger of studying Scripture without considering the context of the passage?
5. Interact with this statement: “The same spirit that inspired the word of God then is the same spirt that will bring his word to life in our hearts now.” How does this encourage you in your study of the word of God?
6. Do you use any tools to help you understand the Bible? (i.e.: concordances, reading notes, websites, different versions of the Bible) How do they help you?
7. Spend time as a group working through the outlined Bible study steps: grasp the text in their town, measure the width of the river to cross, cross the principlizing bridge, consult the Biblical map, and apply the theological principles to our town. Study one of the following passages:

* 1 Samuel 17:1-54
* Acts 2:14-47
* 1 Kings 18:15-39

1. This week, choose one of the passages you did not study as a group, and spend time studying the passage using the Bible study steps. Be prepared to share what you learned with your group.

Resources

* [Free Course from The Gospel Coalition](https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/foundations-biblical-interpretation/#approaches-to-meaning)
  + If you would like to take an extended, deeper dive in understanding how to interpret the Bible, this free course may be a great option for you.
* *Grasping God’s word: A hands-on approach to reading, interpreting, and applying the* Bible – J.S. Duvall and J.H. Hays
* [The Bible Project Video](https://bibleproject.com/explore/how-to-read-the-bible/)
  + This organization provides helpful, easy to watch videos that help us to understand the Bible. We encourage you to watch them all!
* [Six Question to Ask When Studying the Bible in a Group](https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/six-questions-to-ask-when-studying-the-bible-in-a-group) - Desiring God
* [ESV Study Bible](https://www.crossway.org/bibles/esv-study-bible-case/)
* *Living By the Book: The Art and Science of Reading the* Bible – Howard G. Hendricks and William D. Hendricks
* [The Chapel Resources on reading the Bible](https://thechapel.com/reading-the-bible/)