

EXPOSITORY STUDY METHOD



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PRAY // ASK FOR WISDOM

Prayer is the most vital part of any scripture reading we do. The Bible is a living work, and its truths will be revealed over and over when we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us and reveal meaning. Remember to ask Him for wisdom and discernment when working through these three steps of Expository Bible Study.

EXPLAIN IT // WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

Begin by figuring out the context and purpose of the text you are studying:

- Who is the book addressed to? Why?
- Who is the author?
- What is the historical situation?
- What is the major subject?
- Is there a "therefore"? - If so, there was likely important information that came before. Go back and read the verses or chapter before your section.

PROVE IT // HOW DO I KNOW?

Take the time to prove what the text says and find greater understanding of the content. Get out all of your study materials and have fun exploring!

Underline any words or places that you don't know, then research them! You can do this in your own Bible if it has maps and resources, or find trusted sources such as word study books/apps, a concordance, dictionary, Bible handbook, or lectionary. The grammar and geography research will guide you into a deeper understanding of when and why this piece of scripture was written.

APPLY IT // WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

How can I apply what I learned and know about this passage to my own life and season? What is God teaching me and how should I respond? Each verse in the Bible has one truth, but the personal application of that truth may look different depending on who is reading it, their culture, and current stage of life. What does it mean for you?

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