

Bible Study Method – Guide for Faith Baptist Durham

Understanding the Bible

1. What do we learn about God?

- a. Look for God’s character (who He is, what He is like).
- b. Look for God’s conduct (what He is doing).
- c. Look for God’s concerns (what things, events, people, He is concerned about).

2. What do we learn about people?

- a. Look for aspects of what it means to be created in God’s image.
- b. Look for the fallen condition.
- c. Look for how God’s people should live.

3. What do we learn about relating to God?

- a. Look for things to praise and thank God for.
- b. Look for sin to confess and repent of.
- c. Look for promises and truths to believe.

4. What do we learn about relating to others?

- a. Look for how we should interact with and treat others.
- b. Look for ways to pursue reconciliation with others.
- c. Look for specific ways to love, serve, and care for others.

5. How is this passage “about” Jesus (Luke 24)? – Getting to the Gospel

- a. What does this passage say about the person and work of Christ?
- b. Does this passage reveal a need for salvation, or foreshadow Christ?
- c. How does Christ fulfill the promises of this passage, or meet the need that this passage presents?
- d. How does this passage fit with in the bigger story of Scripture?
- e. What does this passage say about the Kingdom of God?

Applying the Bible

1. Head - What does God want me to think/understand?

2. Heart - What does God want me to believe? What does God want me to desire?

3. Hands - What does God want me to do?

4. Have I made this passage about me, my desires, and my present circumstances more than about God, His Word, and His Kingship?

Pray the Bible

*This method is adapted from *Asking the Right Questions* by Matthew Harmon, and the SWORD method. The SWORD method has no record of authorship that I could find but is used widely around the world as a simple, reproducible tool for reading the Bible.