

New Testament Bible Study

Please **schedule ONE HOUR of time (four 15-minute chunks) in your week.**

Schedule them in on your phone or your planner, and keep them consistent. Set a timer so you keep to that amount of time. It is a small investment with big rewards!

DAY 1: READ

1. Pray for God to open your eyes that you may see the wonderful things in His Word.
2. Read through the chapter 1x quickly.
3. Read through 2nd time, jotting down notes, thoughts, questions, on a piece of paper. Don't worry about neatness or organization. Circle words you want to look up later. Draw lines or make divisions where you see themes or a basic outline. Note anything you don't understand or that stands out to you as significant.

*Bonus: Look up any words (in English) you don't understand, or that seem significant and/or read the passage in another translation (use another Bible or Bible Gateway).

DAY 2: OUTLINE

1. Pray.
2. Re-read through the passage: Draft up a rough outline. If you're not a linear, bullet-point thinker, make your outline spatial or artistic with circles, arrows, etc. In other words, organize the chapter on 1 piece of paper in a way that helps you see the "big picture" of what's going on. This doesn't have to be extensive or exhaustive. Just see the general progression. Include in parenthesis any *Aha!* moments or insights.

*Bonus: Using a study Bible or Bible Gateway to look up cross-references and parallel passages. Jot down any new insights these cross-references & passages provide.

DAY 3: INTERPRET

1. Pray.
2. Write a *summary/commentary* of the chapter, in your own words, utilizing the information that surfaced doing your notes and outline (and any bonus study). This can be anywhere from a paragraph to a page. Feel free to include your own insights as well. This is *your* best effort at interpreting the meaning of the text.

*Bonus: Look up any significant theological words in Greek study (link below). Jot down what you find.

DAY 4: RESPOND

1. Pray.
2. Answer application questions:
 - a. What does this passage show me about who God is and what He's done?
 - b. What does this passage show me about who I am and what I should do?
 - c. Specifically, how will I respond? *Spend the rest of your time today praying and asking God to reveal how He wants you to respond in obedience and faith.*

*Bible Gateway: <https://www.biblegateway.com/>

*Greek Word Study: <http://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/nas/>