

A Mosaic of **BIBLE STUDY TIPS** for Men

Check out these four questions as it relates to studying the Bible either personally or in a men's group. The questions are especially helpful for men who have very little experience in leading groups.



1. How Can You Grasp the Heart of a Bible Chapter?

- Give the chapter a short title.
- Make a list of major points of the chapter, using either outline, summary, paraphrase, or list.
- List the most important people in the chapter.
- Choose a verse that speaks to you personally and which also summarizes the chapter.
- Write down the key word or words of the chapter—words that are used frequently.
- List any difficulties you may have with the chapter.
- Look up other verses that help clarify what the chapter is talking about. Use your cross-reference.
- Be alert for statements that tell you something about Christ, the Holy Spirit, or God the Father.
- Write down the major principles, insights or lessons you've learned in the chapter.
- For personal application, ask yourself these two questions:
 - How do these truths apply to me?
 - What specifically am I going to do about them?

2. Do Your Bible Study Questions Fall Flat?

A question that sparks discovery and gets your men to say out loud what they know, is an essential tool in small groups.

As a rule, discussion questions usually look for information that either the group members or the leader may not have:

1. What do I think?
2. What feelings does Jesus' statement evoke in me?
3. With which character do I most identify?
4. What contrasts do I notice in this story?

In each of these cases, the person asking the question is looking for something he genuinely doesn't know. That's how questions work in normal conversation.

3. Are You Looking for Workable Bible Study Ideas?

1. Study Psalm 119 and try to locate 119 benefits to reading God's Word.
2. Go through the Gospel of John and write a "P" next to every promise you can claim, and a "C" next to every command you are to obey.
3. Spend time studying your favorite Bible character by listing the attributes you have in common.
4. Determine a subject of interest and use a concordance to locate as many passages as possible about the topic decided upon.

4. Do You Have Trouble Figuring Out How a Bible Passage Relates to Your Life?

Step One. Identify by asking yourself the following questions:

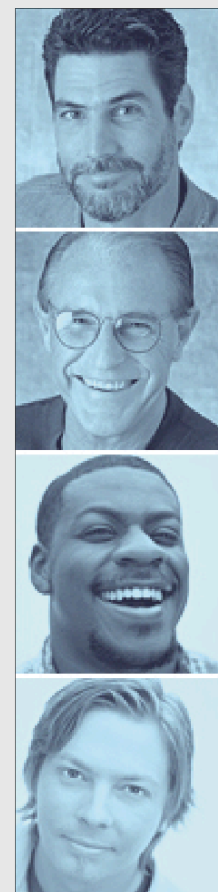
- How are the people in this passage like the people of my home town?
- What characteristics in myself do I see fleshed out in these people?

Step Two. Rediscover the plot. Connect what happened in the story with what is happening in your life right now. Ask:

- What would I have done in this situation?
- How is this similar to what's happening in my life?

Step Three. Transfer the truth of the story from the then and there to the here and now. Ask:

- What's the moral of the story?
- How is this relevant to my life?



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