

How to Study the Bible on Your Own

The 10 C's of Bible Study

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Ezra 7:10, "For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel."

1. **Caption** – If you could caption a photo. How would you caption this chapter? The catchier, the better! Memorable means you'll likely think about it again later.
2. **Contents** – What Happened in That Chapter? Summarize, outline, or describe the chapter. Don't interpret yet! Just write the facts.
3. **Chief People** – Write down the people included in the passage (like the author/speaker, audience, subjects, etc). Why are they included? Which person or people are central to understanding the passage? Why do you think so?
4. **Choice Verse** – What is a verse that really stood out to you? Write the one that stands out to you the most in the study? It then becomes a verse you can memorize and marinate on it throughout the day.

5. **Curiosities** – Things in the passage that you have questions about, don't understand fully, or you think other people might ask questions about. Dive into these questions; look up words (even if you think you already know what they mean), research the history and culture of the passage, read a commentary, reach out to someone about the Scripture, etc.

6. **Crucial Words** – Identify key words in the passage. hint: they're usually repeated, expanded on, defined, etc. Why are these words important for understanding the passage? Look the words up in a dictionary and read through the definitions.

7. **Cross-references** – As you are reading the chapter, ask yourself, “does this remind me of anything else I have read or heard that reminds me of this?” Oftentimes there are cross-references of new testaments and old testaments.

8. **Christ Seeing** – What reminds you of Jesus in the chapter? His character? His qualities? His attributes? His actions?

9. **Central Lesson(s)** – You've observed, and observed, and observed. Now you're looking for one lesson, one truth, one main takeaway that stands out for you. What is at the core of the chapter that God is revealing to you?

10. **Conclusion** – Based on your study of the passage, what will you do about what you've learned? How does it apply to your own life? There are questions you need to ask. **SPACE PETS**

S: Sin to confess? Do I need to make any restitution?

P: Promise to claim? Is it a universal promise? Have I met the condition(s)?

A: Attitude to change? Am I willing to work on a negative attitude and begin building toward a positive one?

C: Command to obey? Am I willing to do it no matter how I feel?

E: Example to follow? Is it a positive example for me to copy, or a negative one to avoid?

P: Prayer to pray? Is there anything I need to pray back to God?

E: Error to avoid? Is there any problem that I should be alert to or beware of?

