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# How to lead a Bible study



# God's word is central



# Aim

- Searching the Scriptures together to see Christ and have our hearts captured by Him



# How do we do it?

We'll think about it in 3 steps:

- Before the study
- During the study
- After the study

# BEFORE THE STUDY

- PREPARE!
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- We need to become **Bible students** before we can be any good as Bible teachers



- This will require that we deliberately set apart **time** to prepare and plan for the Bible study.



# How do we become good Bible students?

- Ask for God's help.
  - Understanding comes only as God enables us to by His Spirit
- Familiarize yourself with the passage.
  - Read it through a few times
  - Aim to understand **WHAT** the passage is saying
  - Hard words that will need elaboration

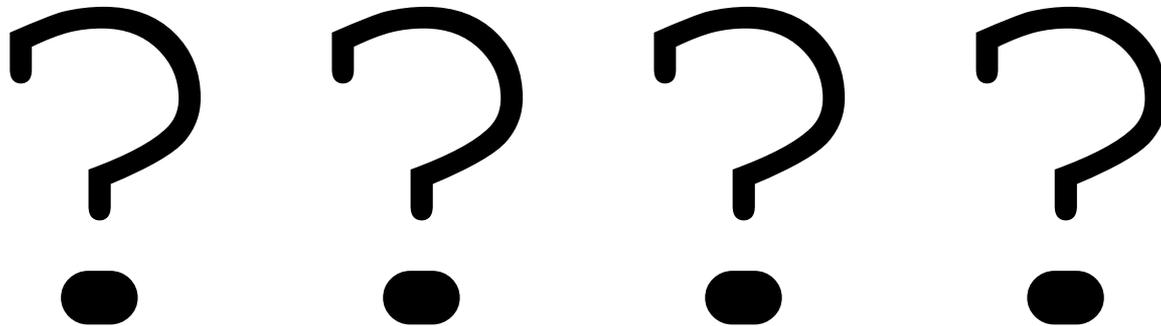
- Think about the passage. Be curious.
  - Aim to think about **WHY** the passage is saying what it is saying.
    - Observation  $\longrightarrow$  Significance
  - Consider Context
  - Touchy topics/Areas of contention

- Come to applicable conclusions.
  - Think about the **SO WHAT**. Now that you've understood the significance of the passage, think about how the author wants the 1<sup>st</sup> readers to apply that truth.
  - Significance  Relevance

- Come up with helpful questions to navigate and expose the passage.
  - Not rocket science: what/how, why, so what
  - Look through helpful material
    - Consider the questions they've asked
    - Break them down if necessary
    - Combine them if that'll be more helpful
  - Write down questions and potential answers
    - Helpful in guiding follow-up questions

# DURING THE STUDY

- Pray for God's help
- Let the questions do the work



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- Rub our noses in the text

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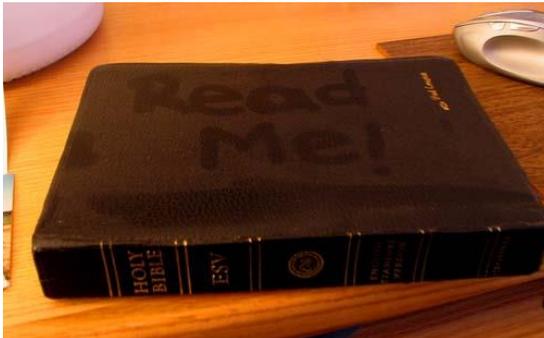


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- Cross the ball; don't score goals
- Don't cap it; leave it
- Ask what it means not just what it says
- Ask → Wait → Answer → Respond → Ask...
- Be willing to defer red herrings
- We're cross with cross-references
- Confess your sins

- Interacting with people
  - Entice the mice
  - Bully the bulls
  - Remember who you're talking to
- We need time to apply
- Get real, soft and serious
- Pray with both Bible and diary



# Remember the aim

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# AFTER THE STUDY

- Deal with the **deferred stuff**. Keep your promises.
- **Talk** about what you've been learning and how it's challenged how you think and live.
- **Refer back** to the passage in future studies and discussions.
- Keep praying for changed hearts and worldviews.

- Do your best and trust God to do His Work in people by His Spirit through His Word.

**THE END**