

How to Study God's Word

It Can Be As Simple As ABC



PREPARE

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Posture yourself to hear from God's Word.

- Pray: Ask God to speak to you.
- Read: Select a small portion of Scripture from God's Word and read it. (3 to 10 verses)

PROBE

Explore God's Word to discover what He is saying to you. This involves 3 questions:

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1. **What does God's Word say?** Write out the passage, verse by verse, capturing only the main points. Use the Bible's exact words, pulling out only the nouns and verbs. For example, for Gen. 39:2 you could write, "The Lord was with Joseph. He prospered."
2. **What does God's Word mean?** For each fact that you recorded in number 1, look for a spiritual principle. Is there a promise to claim, a lesson to learn, an example to follow, a warning to heed, or a correction to accept? Write down the principle for each fact from number 1. For our Gen. 39:2 example, it might be, "The Lord is with His people. He gives His people His presence."
3. **What does God's Word mean to me?** This is where you take each lesson from number 2, and personalize it by turning it into a question for yourself. So, based on our Gen. 39:2 example, the question might be, "Do I live confidently in the knowledge that God is with me?"

PRACTICE

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Adopt and apply a take away from God's Word. Read through the items you wrote in number 3 and ask yourself: "What will I do to live this out?" Write your answer down as your takeaway. This is not a take away for each verse/fact, but an overall take away. So for Gen. 39 my take away might be, "I need to live more confidently in the knowledge that God is with me and is the One who can prosper me. I'm going to memorize one verse a week that has to do with God being with me." Now live it. Walk it out.