



Here are some study tips you can apply to any Bible passage you read:

#1 Read Prayerfully

Always begin your Bible reading or study in prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to guide your reading, understanding and application of the passage.

#2 Read Repeatedly

Repeatedly reading a passage of Scripture is key to understanding and applying the Bible.

#3 Read and Mark the Text

Print out the Bible passage, double-spaced, and use to mark up the text and make notes as you read.

#4 Read in Context

Although the Bible is one story of God's redemption of mankind. The individual books are written by a variety of authors and in a variety of styles or genres. The genre sets the expectation for how we approach the text. So keep genre in mind when reading. It's also important to read the passage or verse in the larger context of the passages before and after, the chapter, the book, the Testament, and the Bible as a whole.

Questions to Ask When Reading Any Bible Passage

As you read the Bible passage, seek the answer the following questions from the passage and surrounding text:

- Who is involved in the passage?
- What is happening? Where is this taking place?
- Is there a problem or concern being addressed?
- Do you see any repeated words or phrases? How do they help you understand the main point of the passage?
- What questions does the text raise? Can you uncover any of the answers to these questions from the text? (*Unanswered questions are okay. Pray through them and be patient with the text and yourself as you study.*)
- What do you learn about God, Jesus Christ, or the Holy Spirit from this passage?
- What do you learn about redemption from this passage? What aspects of the redemption story are seen in this passage?