

Bible Study

Artist Method

Read a passage of Scripture, considering three questions as you read:

1. **What speaks to my heart?** Draw a heart beside the word that speaks to your heart.
2. **What new thought or idea comes to me?** Draw a light bulb beside the new thought or idea.
3. **What does Scripture move me to do?** Draw a hand beside the action you want to take.

Consider how you can apply one of your insights today. Share your insights with a friend.

Detective Method

Read a short narrative passage from one of the Gospels. Let the story take shape in your mind's eye. Imagine the scene. Observe all the facts. Ask the **who, when, where, what** questions. Once you have the facts, **interpret** the facts. Ask the **why** and **wherefore** questions. What meaning did the actions have for the characters? What meaning do the actions have for you? Then **apply** your study to your own life. Ask **how** will this change my life? What do you take away from the story?

Treasure-Seeker Method

When reading Scripture consider the following application questions: Is there an example here for me to follow? Is there a promise to claim or a command to obey? Is there a truth to be applied? Is there a prayer for me to pray? Is there a sin to be confessed? Is there a question God is asking me?

Jesus' Apprentice Method

If you are unfamiliar with Scripture and don't know where to begin, choose one of the Gospels (Mark or Luke) and study to discover all you can about Jesus. Ask yourself the following questions: What seems important to Jesus? What sort of questions does he ask people? What sort of questions do people ask him? What is Jesus inviting me to be and do?

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