

Word Study

A SIMPLE GUIDE ON HOW TO DO A WORD STUDY

What You Need : A notebook, a Bible and a concordance. Most Bibles have a concordance in the very back but if yours does not, you can find a free option on Biblestudytools.com.

1.

Define : First, you're going to establish a base with definitions and references. Use Webster Dictionary to define your word. From there, use your concordance to look up your word. The concordance will show every verse in the bible that this word is used. List out those verses and take the time to read each of them.

Write it out : Next, go through and write out each individual scripture text. For me, I prefer to hand write it because I love the mind body connection that comes along with that. Of course, typing it out is perfectly fine - this is your experience. If you have more than 2-3 verses with your word in it, pick only 2-3 to write down and focus on.

2.

Context : It's time for context! For each of the 2-3 scriptures you've chosen to focus on, answer WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY, The RESULT & The LESSON.

This will give you a deeper and wider understanding of the scripture and thus the word you've chosen to study.

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Summarize : In this next step summarize the results and lessons you've gathered from your study. What do these texts show or teach you about who God is? What do these texts show you about yourself? What do they show you about who you are, in light of who God is?

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5.

Action : It's time to put your study into action! What from your study can you implement and how? Are you able to identify your reasoning for choosing the word you did? How do you see God in it? What fears or hesitations might you be harboring as you enter into intentional growth with God through this word?

PRAYER

Of course it's great to pray before beginning this as well, but don't forget to close in prayer. Pray over your word and hand it to God. Allow him, trust him enough, to do what only he can do with this word. Take a deep inhale as you think of these things, on your exhale visually release your fears to him as you find rest in his perfect mercy, grace and love.

We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete.
Hebrews 12:2