



HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

What to Look for When Reading the Bible

WORDS TO WATCH

- Look for Repeated Words or phrases
- Characters
- Patterns
- Mark Keywords
- Use Symbols and Colors



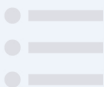
MAKE LISTS

Note details word for word

Ask yourself: **“What is being said about this keyword?”**

For example: Keyword: **“WORD”** in John 1:1

- Beginning was the Word
- Word was with God
- Word was God
- Word became flesh



LOOK FOR CONTRASTS/ COMPARISONS (Mark with /)

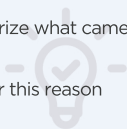
- Look for: but, however, nevertheless
- Similes (like or as)
- Metaphors (word pictures)



LOOK FOR TERMS OF CONCLUSION

(often used as a way to summarize what came before)

- Look for: therefore, finally, for this reason



LOOK FOR TIME REFERENCES (Mark with ⌚)



USE SECTION HEADINGS TO WRITE YOUR OWN SUMMARY

Review section headings for a chapter(s) and summarize what is being conveyed.

ASK 5 W'S & H

- Who?
- What?
- When?
- Where?
- Why?
- How?



CHECK GRAMMATICAL STRUCTURE

- Verbs - what's happening
- Subject and Object - who did it to whom
- Adjectives & Adverbs - descriptors
- Prepositional Phrases - more details
- Pronouns - who is it and are they changed

APPLY

- Know the text and yourself
- Meditate on it
- Practice it



COMMON WORDS & SYMBOLS TO MARK IN YOUR STUDY

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| — God the Father | ♥ Love |
| ✝ Jesus Christ | ■ Grace |
| ○ Holy Spirit | ☿ Sin |
| ❓ Questions Asked by Jesus | 📖 Law |
| 📖 Old Testament References | ☠ Death |
| ⚡ Warnings of Judgment | ✡ Israel |
| 🔄 Contrast/Opposites | 👤 People |
| ➡ Cause & Effect | ❓ Questions |

