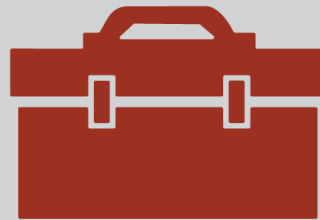


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TOOLBOX



BIBLE STUDY METHODS

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YOUTH MINISTRY

We know how to take a Bible story, make it come to life, and highlight a teachable moment that directly applies to our students. We speak the truth, and our students hear it. But what if we took things deeper?

We can move from students hearing truth to discovering truth by showing them how to read the Bible themselves. At LeaderTreks, we teach several Bible study methods.

These methods challenge students to ask questions, take note of principles, and make specific applications. When you teach a student to discover truth, they'll no longer be utterly dependent on your teaching, but they'll be able to feed themselves spiritually.

Featured Bible Study Methods:

OPA Method

5P Method

SPECK Method

Newspaper Method

OPA METHOD

Observations

Compile all the facts found in the passage. Make 20 to 30 observations about what you read.

Principles

Draw a few principles from the observations you made. What is God trying to teach you in this passage?

Application

How will you apply these principles to your life? Be specific—a good application will tell who, what, and when.

5P Method

Purpose

What is the overall purpose of this passage? Why is it important enough to be in the Bible?

Primary Verse

Which verse seems to contain the most important thought in the passage? Which one stands out to you? Write out the verse completely and the corresponding reference.

Promises

Make a list of any promises you find. Sometimes you need to infer promises from a passage.

Problems

If you find anything you don't understand—even if it's just a word—write it down as a question. Then ask someone for the answer or look it up yourself.

Practical Application

Think about what the passage means in your life. How does this change the way you view yourself? Others? What action should you take? Be specific—your application should tell who, what, and when.

SPECK Method

Sins to Avoid

Make a list of any sins—wrong actions, attitudes or thoughts—mentioned in the passage. These are the things to avoid in life.

Promises to Claim

Make a list of the promises in this passage. Promises give us confidence when we doubt God or face difficult times. So take them to heart and believe what they say.

Examples to Follow

What examples do you find in the passage? Is there a right way of thinking or acting described in the passage that you should take as an example for your life?

Commands to Obey

Write out all the commands you find. If a passage encourages you to take a certain action, take it as a command and write it down.

Knowledge of God to Apply

What does the passage tell you about God that you can apply to your daily life? God's character shines throughout the Bible as an example for us.

Newspaper Method

Who?

Make a list of all the major characters in the passage.

What?

What are the circumstances? What are the characters doing?

Where?

Where is the action taking place and why is that important?

When?

What is significant about the timing of this passage?

Why?

Why did God think this passage was so important that He included it in His Word?

How?

How does this apply to your life? How are you going to live differently today because of what you read? Remember: applications should tell who, what, and when.
