

Our Sunday School's Bible Study Process

Process Step #1: Pray with others

Our attitudes: Fear, dependence, and expectancy

Our actions: Pray for hearing, illumination, and wisdom

Our homework: Pray for help with the text

Process Step #2: Hear with others

Our attitudes: Respect and deference

Our actions: Read the Bible aloud and hear the Bible read aloud

Our homework: Hear the text read aloud

Process Step #3: Think with others

Our attitudes: Humility, delight, and steadfastness

Our actions: Think about God's word day and night and think up

Our homework: Think slowly about the text

Process Step #4: Study with others

Our attitudes: Resolve, incompleteness, and teachableness

Our actions: Talk to teachers and use available resources

Our homework: Study the text with all available resources

Process Step #5: Share with others

Our attitudes: Intention, lowliness, calm, and patience

Our actions: Speak the truth in love and trust God

Our homework: Share with love and trust

Process Step #6: Invite others

Our attitudes: Urgency and obedience

Our actions: Invite those inside and invite those outside

Our homework: Invite everyone

Practice Pages for *Toward a More Biblical Approach to Bible Study*

Chapter or question chosen: _____

Pray with others

A sample prayer: Father, thank you for your word. Help us answer this question. In our Lord Jesus Christ's name, Amen.

Hear with others

Read a portion of the Bible that answers the question.

Think with others

Spend a few seconds thinking about what was just read.

Study with others

Look up unfamiliar words.

Share with others

Explain the unfamiliar and allow space for questions.

Revisit steps 1 through 4 as needed.

Invite others

Who else might have this question?

Practice Pages for *Toward a More Biblical Approach to Bible Study*

Chapter or question chosen: _____

Pray with others

A sample prayer: Father, thank you for your word. We ask you to help us hear what the Spirit is saying. In our Lord Jesus Christ's name, Amen.

Hear with others

Read a portion of the Bible that answers the question.

Think with others

Spend one minute thinking about what was just read.

Study with others

Look up unfamiliar words and cross references.

Revisit steps 1 through 4 as needed.

Share with others

Listen to what others learned, and share what you learned.

Invite others

Who in your group did you invite?

Practice Pages for *Toward a More Biblical Approach to Bible Study*

Chapter or question chosen: _____

Pray with others

A sample prayer: Father, thank you for your word. We ask you to help us hear what the Spirit is saying. We ask you, Father, for wisdom to live out your truth. In our Lord Jesus Christ's name, Amen.

Hear with others

Select one person to read the chapter aloud.

Think with others

Spend a few minutes thinking about what was just read.

Study with others

Resolving to be faithful, look up unfamiliar words and cross-references.

Revisit steps 1 through 4 as needed.

Share with others

With a calm and patient attitude, listen to what others in your group learned, and share with them what you learned.

Invite others

Who in your group did you invite?

Who outside of your group did you invite?

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Chapter or question chosen: _____

Pray with others

A sample prayer: Father, thank you for your word. We ask you to help us hear what the Spirit is saying. We ask for the Spirit to illuminate the text. We ask you, Father, for wisdom to live out your truth. In our Lord Jesus Christ's name, Amen.

Hear with others

Select one person to read the chapter aloud while everyone else in the group respectfully listens.

Think with others

Spend five minutes slowly thinking about what was just read.

Study with others

Resolving to be faithful, and with attitudes of incompleteness and teachableness, look up unfamiliar words and cross-references.

Revisit steps 1 through 4 as needed before using additional resources like commentaries.

Share with others

With a lowly, calm, and patient attitude, listen to what others in your group learned, and share with them what you learned.

Invite others

Who in your group did you invite?

Who outside of your group did you invite?

Practice Pages for *Toward a More Biblical Approach to Bible Study*

Chapter or question chosen: _____

Pray with others

A sample prayer: Father, thank you for your word. We come fearfully, depending on you, and expecting wondrous things. We ask you to help us hear what the Spirit is saying. We ask for the Spirit to illuminate the text. We ask you, Father, for wisdom to live out your truth. In our Lord Jesus Christ's name, Amen.

Hear with others

Select one person to read the chapter aloud while everyone else in the group respectfully and deferentially listens.

Think with others

Spend 10 minutes slowly thinking about what was just read.

Study with others

Resolving to be faithful, and with attitudes of incompleteness and teachableness, look up unfamiliar words, cross-references, and conduct morphological analysis.

Revisit steps 1 through 4 as needed before using additional resources like commentaries.

Share with others

With an intentional, lowly, calm, and patient attitude, listen to what others in your group have learned, and share with them what you have learned.

Invite others

Who in your group did you invite?

Who outside of your group did you invite?