

Anne's 5-Step Bible Study Method

This bible study method has a single purpose: to present an approach that will help you learn to listen for God's voice, to grow in your personal relationship with Him, and to have more effective communication with Him through His Word.

STEP 1:

Read God's word. (Look at the passage.)

The first step is to read the Bible.

When you have finished reading the passage for the day, move on to Step 2.

STEP 2:

What does God's word say? (List the facts.)

After reading the passage, make a verse-by-verse list of the outstanding facts. Don't get caught up in the details—just pinpoint the most obvious facts as they appear to you. When you make your list, do not paraphrase the text but use actual words from the passage. Look for the nouns and the verbs.

STEP 3:

What does God's word mean? (Learn the lessons.)

After reading the passage and listing the facts, look for a lesson to learn from each fact. It may help to ask yourself the following questions:

- Who is speaking?
- What is the subject?
- Where is it taking place?
- When did it happen?
- What can I learn from what is taking place or what is being said?

It may also help to ask yourself: What are the people in the passage doing that I should be doing? Is there a command I should obey? A promise I should claim? A warning I should heed? An example I should follow?

Focus on spiritual lessons.

STEP 4:

What does God's word mean in your life? (Listen to his voice.)

Although this step will be the most meaningful for you, you can't do it effectively until you complete the first three steps. Rephrase the lessons you found in Step 3 and put them in the form of questions you could ask yourself, your spouse, your child, your friend, your neighbor, or your coworker. As you write the questions, listen for God to speak to you through His Word. Don't get hung up on what you don't understand, but look for the general principles and lessons that can be learned. Remember not to rush this process. It may take you several moments of prayerful meditation to discover meaningful lessons from the Scripture you are reading and hear God speaking to you. The object is not to "get through it," but to develop your personal relationship with God in order to grow in faith and learn to hear the whispers of the Holy Spirit.

STEP 5:

What will you do about what God has said? (Live in obedient response to God's word.)

Read the Scripture passages prayerfully, objectively, thoughtfully, and attentively as you listen for God to speak. Note that He may not speak to you through every verse, but He will speak. When He does, record the verse number (if applicable), what it is that God seems to be saying to you, and your response to Him. You might like to date these pages as a means not only of keeping a spiritual journal but also of holding yourself accountable to follow through in obedience.

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STEP 1

Read God's Word.

(Look at the passage.)

Passage: Genesis 17:7

God told Abraham . . .

⁷ “I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”

STEP 2

What Does God's Word Say?

(List the facts.)

List the outstanding facts—nouns and verbs. Do not paraphrase.

- I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant
- between me and you and your descendants
- to be your God
- and the God of your descendants

STEP 3

What Does God's Word Mean?

(Learn the lessons.)

Is there a lesson or principle to learn from each fact?

- Our covenant relationship with God is permanent.
- God's relationship with us is not exclusive or elite—He desires every generation to enter into a covenant relationship with Him.
- The covenant is based on a personal relationship with God that begins with me.
- God is committed to our children, grandchildren, and those who come after us.

STEP 4

What Does God's Word Mean in Your Life?

(Listen to His voice.)

Rephrase the lessons found in Step 3 into questions.

- If God says the covenant He has made with me is permanent, why would I think I could break or lose it?
- How faithful have I been to tell another generation of God's love and desire to know Him in a personal relationship?
- How obvious is it to my family that I have a personal relationship with God?
- Why would I give up on my children or grandchildren if God is committed to them?

STEP 5

What Will You Do About What God Has Said?

(Live in obedient response to God's Word.)

I will do all I can to tell the next generation that they can enter into a covenant relationship with God.

Date: _____

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