

VERSE BY VERSE BIBLE STUDY

MATERIALS

- 1) Bible – several translations helpful – New American Standard, New International Version, English Standard Version, Holman Christian Standard, New King James, Revised Standard Version, Good News Bible.
- 2) A study Bible – Life Application
- 3) Concordance or cross reference
- 4) Bible dictionary
- 5) Pad and pen

APPROACH

- 1) Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to “activate” God’s truths.
- 2) Read the passage in context, several verses before and after your passage.
- 3) Read the passage several times from various translations.
- 4) Paraphrase the passage.
- 5) Jot down insights, questions, and observations.
- 6) Pick out key words or phrases and ask: Who, What, When, Where, How and Why.
- 7) **DIGEST** the passage:
Is there a/an:
 - D**isposition to change (attitude)?
 - I**nitiative to obey (command)?
 - G**ift for which to be thankful?
 - E**xample to pursue?
 - S**in to confess?
 - T**ruth to claim?
- 8) Personalize the truths: What does it mean for me today?
- 9) Design an action step in one sentence.
- 10) Pray the verse back to God, asking Him to help you put it into practice. “God, help me to ...
- 11) Share what you have learned with another. Ask for their prayer support and accountability.