



# Bible Study in Practice

In our final lesson on How to Study your Bible, we want to put all the tools together for some in class application. One of the most challenging aspects to your Bible study is when you have to use these tools and come to some definite conclusions.

**In a personal Study** The expression, 'walked in the way of Jeroboam' is found multiple times in the book of 1 Kings as it describes other kings (15:34; 16:2,19, 26; 22:52). How would we go about understanding what that means?

**In Conversations** Over lunch with a friend from this congregation, you learn that she likes to drink alcohol. She knows her limits and says, "I never gets drunk." She said it has to be ok because Jesus turned water to wine. She then asks you, "Don't you think that's right?" Is she right? Use your Bible study tools to come to a conclusion and how would you answer her?

**In Your Family** Someone in your family has a new baby. You have been invited to a special baptismal ceremony for the baby. Your first reaction is that babies are not baptized. But your family member tells you that when Lydia was baptized her family was baptized with her. He also thinks it happened to that Gentile guy in Acts. Everyone is looking at you for a response. What do you say?

**In Bible Class** During a Bible class one of the elders makes the comment that a member is under the oversight of the elders until they place membership with another church. Even if that member moves out of state, they are still under the oversight of the eldership until they place membership with another church. That comment gets many people stirred up and things are said. The teacher of the class announces that next week that will be the topic of study. How do you go about studying this? What is the answer?

# Memory Verse Match

Place the letter next to the proper reference

1. Romans 15:4 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Deuteronomy 29:29 \_\_\_\_\_
4. John 1:1 \_\_\_\_\_
5. John 4:24 \_\_\_\_\_
6. Philippians 4:9 \_\_\_\_\_
7. Colossians 3:17 \_\_\_\_\_
8. Revelation 22:10 \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
- (B) "He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming quickly.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."
- (C) "The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace shall be with you."
- (D) "God is a Spirit; and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
- (E) "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."
- (F) "For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."
- (G) "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law."
- (H) "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."



At work

A Mormon co-worker spends his lunch hour researching his family genealogy. When you ask him why he was spending so much time on this he says, 'This weekend I am getting baptized for my deceased family members.' When you reply, "I've never heard of that before," he says, "It's in the Bible. Baptism for the Dead is taught in the Bible." Now, how do you approach a study of this?

At a funeral

You attend a funeral for a small child. It's a very sad occasion. During the service, the preacher says that the little boy who died is now one of God's angels who is looking down upon his family. On the way home, your child asks, "Is that true? Do we become angels when we die?" Bible study time. What does the Bible teach? How do you explain this to your child?

This exercise, memorizing the verses we have each week, are things that you will put to practice the rest of your life. We can shy away from conversations like this and remain silent, but is that what God wants you to do? We can say, "I don't know," but is that what God wants you to say? Your faith and your knowledge of God's word becomes a outlet for many people to turn to. They will ask you questions. They will put challenging situations before you. They will want to know. They do not know where to begin, but they know that you know. This is an open door and an opportunity.

## **How to Study the Bible**

