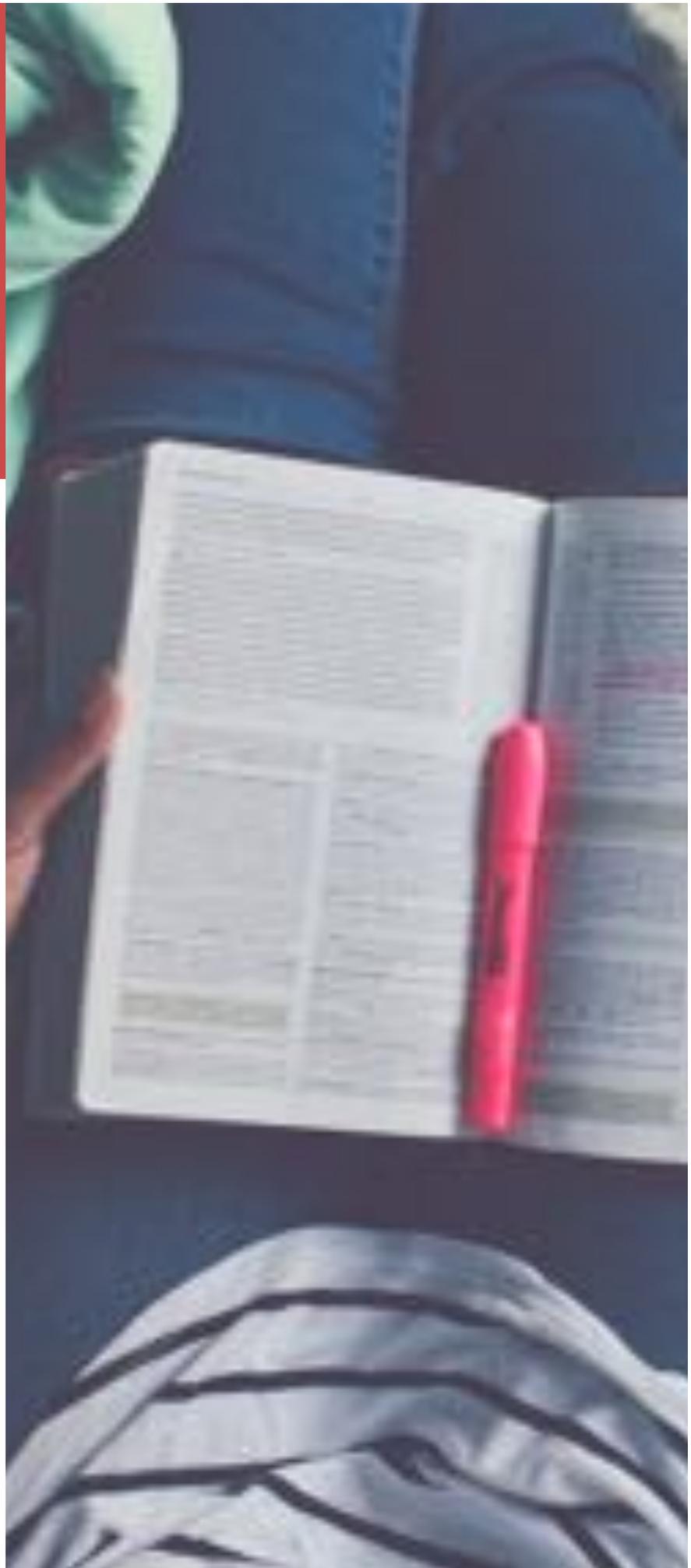


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**Everyday
Disciple
Bible
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Method**



So you have made it this far and you are getting ready to learn about this Everyday Disciple Bible Study Method. There are a few things to consider as we continue:

There are at least 3 types of people whom you may be thinking about having a Bible study with.

- 1. People who do not believe in God at all and who may be antagonistic to the idea of God.*
- 2. People who believe in some version of God but are skeptical about the Bible. These people may be suspicious that the Scriptures we have aren't true or inspired. They might be confused by what they perceive to be contradictions, fairy tales and bigotry.*
- 3. People who have some belief in God and actually believe the bible is a sacred book. In this case they are open to explore the bible and are looking for some answers.*

Many people fall into this third category, and we've built this particular resource for those who are open to the Bible and searching for answers. Our experiences point us to believe that God opens the hearts and minds of people and this resource is a tool for us to enter into the work God is preparing for us.

We do have resources for use with the first two groups of people. You can find some of them in the Discipleship Resources Tab on the Woodbury Church app. Don't give up on people who are resistant to God. If you need additional resources for these types, please contact the church office.

But for the sake of clarity, this resource is made for people open to learning about and from the bible.

Everyday Disciple Bible Study Method

3 Column Method



SCRIPTURE

In the 'Scripture' column, write the passage: word-for-word. This takes time but you control how much time by choosing smaller chunks of Scripture. Break larger passages into several sections, or only focus on a specific section. What is most important, however, is this – when you copy a passage word-for-word you actually read it through several (about five to seven) times. It is a form of forced meditation for those of us who can't sit and think about a passage without losing focus. This process also keeps us from skimming familiar passages. When you write it out you have to think about every word.

3 QUESTIONS

In this section you are trying to get your head around what is going on or the meaning of the passage. It is helpful to ask the following three questions to help us understand the text we are reading: (1) What does this passage mean? Basically, why did the author put this story in the book or what is the purpose of the story? (2) What are the key words? Are there any key words that stand out to you and why? (3) What do you wonder? Are there any questions you have about the passage?



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In the third column we transition from knowing God's Word to obeying God's Word. Look at each part of the passage. Ask God to reveal things you need to add to your life, take away from your life, or change in your life to obey this passage. Be specific. When we study God's Word we have a choice: we choose to obey Him or we choose to disobey Him. It is really that simple. This third column is your response to God's invitation.

Take a moment to pray for the person you hope to eventually have a Bible Study with!

This study method will not work with every person. Some people do not want a Bible study, and trying to force one on them will not work. However, if you are talking with someone that wants to look at the Bible, this is a good resource for you.

That being the case, there is not a prescribed set of Scriptures that you have to sit down and study together. It depends on what the person you are studying with is wanting/needing to learn. For example, if a person wants to learn about Jesus, here are some passages that help: John 1:1-5; 14:6; Acts 2:36; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-20. If a person wants to learn about baptism, you would want to go to passages about baptism.

If a person wants to learn about our church, we are about developing disciples based on Matthew 28:18-20.

- Disciples follow Christ into the water. - Romans 6:3-5
- Disciples connect with other disciples. - John 13:35
- Disciples don't attend, they engage. - Matthew 5:16
- Disciples share their faith by sharing their lives. - Matthew 9:35-38
- Disciples are being transformed into the image of Jesus. - Romans 12:1-2

As you have been praying about having a Bible study with someone, what has God been revealing to you?

Takeaway:

A Bible study does not have to be difficult. This 3 column Bible study is an easy tool you can use to study the Bible with someone and lead them to Jesus.