

Manuscript Bible Study Method:

This is an effective way to study the Bible. It leads you to “dig deeper” into the Word of God and find many treasures that you might not have otherwise seen.

(1) Getting Started:

- Print out the double-spaced Scripture passage so that you can mark it up. Keep this in a folder so it’s easily accessible.
- You’ll need some colored pencils or pens, even highlighters to mark key words and phrases. You can use different symbols as well. Record what these mean on an index card.
- Always begin with PRAYER! Ask God to help you read with fresh eyes, and to reveal His truth.
- Read the passage **2-3 times** before you start marking up your printed Scripture passage.

(2) Understanding: Mark up your printed manuscript & record your answers in a notebook:

- **What** is the chapter about?
- **Who** are the main characters?
- **When** is this taking place?
- **Where** is it happening?
- **Why** is this being done or said?
- **How** did this happen?
- **Observe & mark any:**
 - Repeated words
 - Metaphors (look for “like” or “as”)
 - Contrasts (look for “yet” or “otherwise”)
 - Key words (such as “therefore,” “but,” “then,” “because,” etc.)

(3) Application: Our understanding and belief should lead us to being and doing. Consider your response to the following:

- What timeless truths do you find in this passage? How can you apply them personally?
- What does the passage mean? Make connections of the things you have highlighted.
- How does the meaning of this passage relate to your life?
- Based on this passage, is the Holy Spirit instructing you to make any changes?