

STUDY

HOW WE GROW: INVITATION FOR THE WEEK

This week, we want to encourage you to take some time to practice the discipline of study—once individually and once in the context of one of your communities. Utilize the model below or a model that was shared in your class discussion.

1. **What is the passage's historical context?** This question is all about diving into the world behind the text. The stories in Scripture are real, historical events, and so studying the historical background of a text can lead to deeper understanding and insight.
2. **What is the passage's place in its book?** With this question, we try and understand the overall structure of the book and the author's intent behind his book. What role does the passage you are studying play in the overarching purpose of the book?
3. **Do you see connection to the rest of Scripture? Old Testament? New Testament?** When studying Scripture, it's important to remember that a passage should not be studied in isolation. What role does this passage play in the overarching biblical narrative? Is the passage repeated elsewhere? Does it reference another passage? Does the passage remind you of a different Scripture? Are there any biblical themes we find emphasized in this passage?
4. **Are there any terms we need to define?** It might be helpful here to look toward the original language in order to gain greater insight of the words the author has chosen.
5. **With all that in mind, what does this passage teach us about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?** At the heart of our study of Scripture is understanding the heart of our triune God of love. What does this passage teach us about His character, identity, or nature?
6. **What does this passage teach us about "the world" and sin?** Much of Scripture helps us to gain insight into ways we are separated from God. It shines light in darkness. How does this passage do that?
7. **How does this passage teach us to love God? Love others?** Our study of Scripture ought to always be tied to practice. How does this Scripture call us to live? How does it move us to participate in the mission of God?

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY RESOURCES

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- Blue Letter Bible
- YouVersion
- Bible Project
- ESV Study Bible
- E-Sword
- Enduring Word
- NET Bible
- Bible Gateway
- He Reads Truth
- She Reads Truth
- Interlinear Bible found at Scripture4all.org
- Well Watered Women
- Daily Grace Co.
- Right Now Media
- Sermon Central
- Executable Outlines
- Bible Recap (Podcast and Bible Plan on YouVersion)
- Blog by Richard Beck, Experimental Theology
- Podcasts from the Redeemer Church from Tim Keller
- Chat GPT
- Logos Database (subscription required)

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