

STUDYING THE BIBLE INTRODUCTION

1. What are the facts? (Observation)
2. What are the lessons? (Interpretation)
3. How should I apply? (Application)

Example: Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight.”

1. **FACTS:** What are the facts? What does it say? What do you observe? (Use the words from the text and do not paraphrase... just give the facts.)
 - Trust in the Lord
 - Trust... with all your heart.
 - Do not lean on your own understanding.
 - Submit to the Lord in all your ways.
 - God will make your paths straight.
2. **LESSONS:** From your list of facts, what are the lessons? What does the text mean? How do you interpret it? (Look for principles being taught, lessons being learned, commands to follow, promises to claim, warnings to heed, examples to follow, things done right or wrong? What do you learn about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit? What do you learn about humanity? Can your lesson/principle be supported by other Scripture?)
 - God is trustworthy.
 - God expects 100% trust in Him... with all my heart.
 - Man is not trustworthy.
 - God is the authority and man should submit everything to Him.
 - God promises guidance to those who trust in Him.
3. **APPLICATION:** How should I apply these truths to my own life? (Be personal and specific. What steps should you take? What changes should you make? What does this truth or lesson compel you to do? Put your application in the form of a question to yourself that requires more than a “yes” or “no” answer.)
 - What is something in my life for which I do not totally trust God?
 - What is keeping me from totally trusting in God?
 - In what ways am I trying to control my life?
 - In what areas of my life do I still depend on my own understanding apart from God?
 - Where do I need God’s guidance in my life?

STUDYING THE BIBLE WORKSHOP

Day 1: Read Studying the Bible Introduction

1. How did reading the Studying the Bible Introduction help you?
2. What is your main takeaway from the Introduction?

Day 2: Read Acts 4:32-35 for the Facts [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

3. Make a list of the **facts** found in Acts 4:32-35. (Helpful Hints: (a) Use the words and phrases from your Bible; don't paraphrase. (b) Refrain from interpretation and/or application; just record the facts. (c) Beware of pre-conceived ideas or prior teaching you've received on the passage.)

Day 3: Read Acts 4:32-35 for the Lessons/Principles [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

4. From your list of facts, what **lessons** are being taught or **principles** expressed from Acts 4:32-35? (Helpful Hints: (a) Look for commands, promises or warnings from God. (b) What do you learn about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or what do you learn about mankind? (c) Is your lesson/principle supported by other Scripture?)

Day 4: Read Acts 4:32-35 for Application [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

5. How can you **apply** the lessons learned? (Helpful Hints: (a) Be specific and personal. (b) What actions should you start or stop? What changes should you make? (c) Put your **application** in the form of a question that requires more than a “yes” or “no” answer.)

Day 5: Read Acts 4:32-35 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

6. What are the main differences between facts, lessons and applications? Compare them.

Facts –

Lessons –

Applications –

Day 6: Read Acts 4:32-35 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

7. What is important about the order of facts, lessons and applications?