



Life changing Bible study

....is more than simply reading the Bible. It is

1. **SEEING TRUTH** as you **READ** God's Word. It is
2. **BELIEVING** what God tells you about His **TRUTH**, and knowing how it **RELATES** to your life's circumstances.
3. **APPLYING** God's **TRUTH** in your life as you **RESPOND**,
4. **PRAYING** for God's help to change your lifeto be more like Jesus,and live His **TRUTH** in your life.

"Read > Relate > Respond" Bible Study Approach



What does TRUTH look like in God's Word? *(see Chapter 18)*

God's Word overflows with an abundance of **TRUTHS** from Genesis to Revelation. Depending on **scriptural context**, we find them in various expressions for **different situations**. Such as a....

- **Truth** — a transcendent (supernatural) fundamental or spiritual reality
- **Commandment** — statement of what to do that must be obeyed by those concerned
- **Principle** — general or basic truths on which other truths can be based and understood
- **Promise** — solemn declaration of intent of what one will do or not do

How do we "see" TRUTH reading God's Word? *(see Chapter 19)*

Because God the Holy Spirit dwells within us, we can understand TRUTH in God's Word....

No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. **WE HAVE RECEIVED GOD'S SPIRIT** (not the world's spirit), **SO WE CAN KNOW** the wonderful things God has freely given us....

— 1 Corinthians 2:11-13 NLT

Cross-reference with relevant scripture: John 14:15-17,26; Ephesians 4:23-24; and 1 John 3:24

God's TRUTH is our spiritual protection *(see Chapter 18)*

Our weapons in spiritual warfare "....are not of this world, but are POWERED BY GOD and effective at tearing down the strongholds erected against His TRUTH. WE ARE demolishing arguments and ideas, every high-and-mighty philosophy that pits itself against the knowledge of the one true God. WE ARE taking prisoners of every thought, every emotion, and subduing them into obedience to Jesus."

— 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 The Voice

It is by Biblical TRUTH, the WORD OF GOD,HELP FROM JESUS HIMSELF,that is how WE ARE winning spiritual battles! And it starts here....

OUR PRAYER

LORD,Give us minds ready to receive wisdom and revelation so we will truly know You. Open the eyes of our hearts, and let the light of Your TRUTH flood in. Shine Your light on the hope You are calling us to embrace.Let us see the full extent of Your power that is at work in those of us who believe, and may it be done according to Your might and power. Amen. — Ephesians 1:17-19 The Voice

What does God want me to learn? How do I respond? *(Chapter 20)*

As you study God's Word, PRAY asking God to reveal His TRUTHS. In small groups, each person participates in reading aloud selected scripture (e.g., chapter of a book). Then, as led by the Holy Spirit, each person shares with their group what God is saying to them personally about....

- 1. WHAT is the Holy Spirit showing me in God's Word?**READING aloud the verses God is showing you, identify the Biblical TRUTH you SEE expressed (see list page 1). Describe this TRUTH in scriptural context, and why it is relevant. (Hebrews 4:12-13)
- 2. WHY is the Holy Spirit showing me this in God's Word?**Describe how TRUTH in these verses RELATES to your life circumstances, or something else you BELIEVE God wants you to SEE in verses He is showing you. (Romans 12:2; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- 3. HOW should I respond to God's Word?**RESPONDING to TRUTH, explain if you should express praise and thanksgiving from your heart to God,or ask Him for help APPLYING in your life what TRUTH you are learning from His Word. (Philippians 4:6-7)
- 4. PRAY as the Holy Spirit guides me.**Pray aloud first person, "I" will ask God to help me RESPOND and APPLY in my life those TRUTHS that I am learning from His Word, declaring how I want God to change my life. (John 14:6,15-17,26; 15:5-8; 16:13-15)