

Steps for Bible Study

1. Schedule time for study

2. Read the whole book (or section)

- a. Use a journal to take notes
- b. Mark up your Bible looking for key words and phrases

3. Pray

- a. Use Samuel's words: "Speak, for your servant is listening" ([1 Samuel 3:10](#))
- b. Take time to digest God's word after reading

4. Answer the basics

- a. Who, what, where, when, and why?
- b. Use your observations only! Resist the urge to use other sources
- c. Make your own outline

5. Compare translations

- a. Find keywords/concepts
- b. Memorize key texts

6. Create a list of questions

- a. Add your answers (so far) from your observations

7. Join the larger conversation

- a. Use Scripture. Search for cross-references
- b. With the Church & scholars. Consult good resources (online articles, commentaries)
- c. With other believers. Discuss with others

8. Read it all again!

- a. You will see new things this time

9. Be responsive to the implications

- a. If there is a need to obey, obey!
- b. If the proper response is praise, praise!
- c. If you are called to go, then go! (You get the idea...)