

# The 52 Key Chapters of the Bible Small Group Fellowship using the Devotional Bible Study Method for the purpose of Personal Mastery of the Content of God's Word

## Suggested Resources:

1. A Bible you can mark up
2. The 52 Key Chapter Study Sheet
3. A personal journal (Moleskin or similar)
4. A MacArthur Study Bible (or similar)
5. A Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem (or similar)
6. A portable Audio Bible (NIV/ESV Dramatized or similar)
7. An electronic Bible Study Program (Logos or similar)

## The Devotional Bible Study Method:

There are 12 normally recognized methods of Bible Study, which are the: **1-devotional**; 2-chapter; 3-character quality; 4-thematic; 5-biographical; 6-topical; 7-word study; 8-book background; 9-book survey; 10-chapter analysis; 11-book synthesis; and 12-verse-by-verse analysis methods. The **devotional method** is recognized as the basic, and most useful, life-long method for mastering God's Word.

## A Simple Pattern:

1. First pray and ask God for the Psalm 119:18 (underlined or highlighted in your Bible) promised insight, before you study the Word.
2. Then read the passage (a verse, a few verses, or a chapter) looking for a simple summary of what that portion is about. Write that summary down in your journal as a TITLE for that week's passage or chapter.
3. Now go back through and find as many truths, insights, principles, lessons, or doctrines as you can find, briefly describing them and the verse reference for where you found them in your journal.
4. Finally, look over that list and pick the one or two most powerful lessons and apply that truth to your own life in the form of an application prayer that you write down. Frame your prayer as asking God to begin to unleash in your life the doctrine, insight, or lesson that you just found in that passage. Personal application is perhaps the most difficult part of any Bible Study.

### **The Goal:**

God wants us as men to be constantly looking into the mirror of God's Word (James 1:21-25), and wanting to be doers and not merely hearers; and being changed (2 Cor. 3:18) more and more into His image. As we study, grow, and change, those closest to us will be drawn to the lessons we are learning as we talk about how God is at work changing our lives. Our wife will be drawn to want to know what we are doing and at times even want to be a part. Our children can hardly resist the personal insights we are finding God pointing out to us in His Word. As the Spirit convicts us about various areas, by faith we invite Christ to be changing areas of our life. Our co-workers will notice that we are talking about God's Word in such a personal, familiar way, they will often ask how we understand the Bible. The net result in every dimension of our lives is: that we grow in grace (what God does) and knowledge (what we do) more and more each day (2 Peter 3:18).

## **Survey God's Word in a Year: 52 Key Chapters in the Bible**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	Genesis 1- 2	Creation of Universe
2	Genesis 3	The Fall into Sin & Satan's Temptations
3	Genesis 6-8	The Global Flood
4	Genesis 12	Abraham's Call
5	Exodus 12	Exodus & Passover
6	Exodus 20	Ten Commandments
7	1 Samuel 17	David & Goliath
8	2 Samuel 11	David & Bathsheba
9	1 Kings 18	Elijah & Fire from Heaven
10	Job 1- 2	God, Job, Satan & Suffering
11	Psalms 1	Blessed Ones
12	Psalms 19	The Power of the Word
13	Psalms 22	Jesus on the Cross
14	Psalms 23	The Good Shepherd
15	Psalms 24	The Coming King
16	Psalms 51	David's Confession & Restoration
17	Psalms 119	The Word of God
18	Psalms 139	God Sees us Always & Everywhere
19	Proverbs 31	The Godly Husband & Wife
20	Isaiah 14	The Fall of Lucifer (also Ezekiel 28)
21	Isaiah 53	The Suffering Christ

22	Ezekiel 37-39	The Restoration Israel & Final Conflict
23	Daniel 9	Greatest Prophetic Passage
24	Zechariah 12-14	Israel's Role in the End Times
<b>Week</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Content</b>
25	Matthew 1-2	Christ's Birth
26	Matthew 5-7	Sermon on the Mount
27	Matthew 28	Great Commission
28	Luke 10 & 15	Parables: Good Samaritan/ Prodigal Son
29	John 1	Eternal Word is Christ
30	John 3	Born Again
31	John 10	Good Shepherd
32	John 19 & 20	Crucifixion & Resurrection
33	Acts 2	Birth of Church at Pentecost
34	Romans 1	Decline & Fall Human Race
35	Romans 5-8	Justification, Sanctification & Eternal Access to God
36	1 Corinthians 3	Eternal Rewards
37	1 Corinthians 7	God's Plans for Biblical Marriages
38	1 Corinthians 11-14	Communion, Chastening & Spiritual Gifts
39	1 Corinthians 15	Gospel & Resurrection Bodies
40	2 Corinthians 5	Imputation & Bema Seat
41	Galatians 1-2	Justified by Faith not Law
42	Ephesians 6	Spiritual Warfare & Armor

43	Titus 2	The Curriculum for every man, woman, child in Church
44	Hebrews 10	Christ died once for sins vs. Religion
45	Hebrews 11	Heroes of the Faith
46	James 1- 3	Faith, Temptation & Tongue
47	1 Peter 2-4	Suffering, Sanctification & Marriage
48	2 Peter 3	New Universe, What Survives Forever & Why
49	1 John 1	Basis Joy & True Fellowship
50	Revelation 1	Understanding Our Glorified Christ
51	Revelation 2&3	Understanding His Mandate for the Church
52	Revelation 4-22	Understanding His Plan for the Future