

THE PRACTICAL GUIDE TO STUDYING THE BIBLE

PRECEPT

1 JOHN 2:5

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PROMISE

When Jesus is in your boat, there will be —even before the waves stop.

This is just one of the many promises Jesus has in His word. Now, it's your turn to discover the rest of God's promises in His word. Don't let your Bible be just another book on the shelf or app on your phone. Open it. Listen and hear His voice. Let His Word guide you, grow you, and ground you. Because the goal of studying the Bible isn't just to get smarter— but to get us closer to God. Closer to the One who speaks peace to your storms. Closer to the God who still calms winds and waves. The Bible is more than a book. It's a lifeline, a treasure chest. It's the breath of God bringing your soul to life. So lean in and let the breath of God transform you from the inside out.

PREPARE YOUR HEART IN PRAYER. Psalm 119:18 says, "Open my eyes to see wonderful things in your Word." Begin and end your study in prayer. Ask God to speak, guide, and transform you through His Word. Start with prayer to invite the Holy Spirit to speak, and end with prayer to respond to what you've heard.

LOCK IN A PLACE AND TIME. Commit to meeting Jesus in a specific place and at a specific time. The key here is consistency. Have a simple, realistic plan—consistency matters more than length. Whether it's 5 minutes or 50, what matters is showing up. Be intentional.

ACCESS THE RIGHT TRANSLATION. Choose a Bible version you understand. Remember, God's truth never changes, but language evolves. As long as it is fairly and directly translated from the original languages of the Bible - Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic—there is nothing wrong. Just pick a translation that makes the word clear to you.

NAVIGATE WITH A METHOD. Use a Bible study method to help you focus and follow a system. Create a simple plan for how you will live out what you just studied. This could be: A conversation you need to have, a habit you need to start or stop, a mindset you need to adjust, a prayer you need to keep praying, or a scripture to memorize this week. 1 John 2:5 says, "Those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love Him. That is how we know we are living in Him."

PRACTICE

1. **Guide.** Have you been reading/ studying the Bible recently?

2. **Bible unboxed.** Which area are you having a hard time studying His word? And how can we encourage/pray for you regarding this?

PRAYER

I. Worship Services

- May more people experience Jesus.

II. Healing

- We lift up those in need of God's healing touch. May they have comfort and restoration.

III. Families

- Pray for protection from harm and discord and may homes be filled with love and joy.

IV. Lost

- Pray that God may soften the hearts of the lost to receive His truth and salvation.

V. Justice

- Pray for justice and redemption for those who are oppressed and marginalized.

VI. World

- Pray that God free our world from conflict and bring unity to all nations.

VII. Nations

- Pray for revival, protection, strength, and spiritual healing of all nations.