

Scripture study methodology

Proposed scripture

Enter scripture here

Purpose of study

To determine _____.

Methodology

Step	Method	Tools & references	Purpose	Action steps
1	Scripture context, reference, and other biblical support	Bible, scripture before & after, other biblical references, free thinking (your thoughts & other ideas), pictures	To eliminate bias and obtain biblical perspective through research.	Document why this statement was made by whom and to who (audience). Find other scriptures that might support this view.
2	Word studies	Dictionary, Thesaurus, Concordance	Deeper understanding of word use; gain a better perspective on the message given.	Get a dictionary definition, write down synonyms that relate to what’s being stated in the scripture, and write down some antonyms. Look your word up in a concordance or Bible dictionary and see how the Bible defines the word.
3	Research on opposing and supporting views	Internet, other spiritual beliefs, secular views (psychology), other Christian based studies & findings	To “hear” the other side, minimize bias, to broaden mental, emotional, and spiritual perspective. Stay open to things you might hear from your environment: could be something someone says, a sermon, even a movie. Sometimes, your environment will send you answers regarding your study.	Research a topic that relates to the scripture. This doesn’t have to be too deep. Do some cursory research and pull statements that standout to you. Document those statements.
4	Commentary research	Bible commentaries, Christian sermons & writings	To learn what other Christians have discovered through their study of the scripture.	Only done after all previous steps are completed.
5	Compile information	Summary document of relevant findings.	To focus on key findings of research. Weed out all unnecessary information.	Summarize or list important statements, definitions, and comments.
6	Answer 3 questions.	Q&A document.	The 3 questions bring clarity to the study.	To the best of your ability answer these questions: 1. What does this mean? 2. Is it true? 3. What difference does it make?