



Basic Bible Study Tool

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Bible Study Basics

Welcome to 10-4 Ministries' "Bible Study Basics", a tool designed to help you stake initial steps to grow deeper in your faith. This simple tool was designed to help individuals take a greater role in reading and understanding God's word.

Who would benefit from using this booklet:

- The person new to Christianity who doesn't know where to start.
- Children, teens and adults who are wanting to grow deeper in their Biblical knowledge
- Those who get overwhelmed or frustrated by studies with multiple steps and specific things to read on specific days.

How to Use

The booklet is designed to use at your own pace, there is no set reading schedule, no fill in the blanks, no specific questions.

We suggest starting each morning with prayer that the Lord will guide your reading and reveal himself to you.

As you read, write down any **questions** or **thoughts** you have on the lines provided. Include the chapter and verse of any specific words, phrases, ideas you want to research.

Don't stop to research.

Researching will be completed when you have read the book in it's entirety.

What you will need: It's simple!

To use this tool, you'll need the following:

1. Your Bible
2. This Booklet (or any journal)
3. Pen/Pencil
4. Curiosity

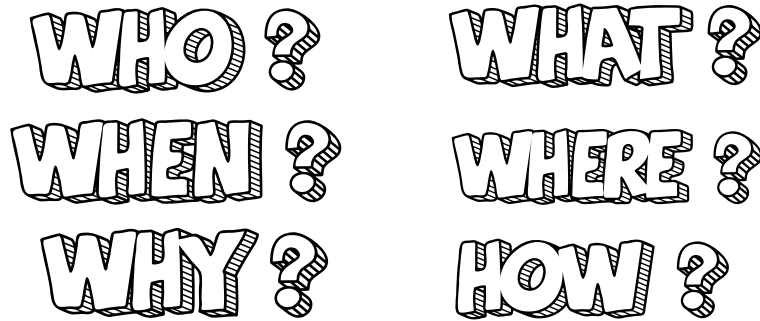
Why Wait to Research?

It's a little different to not research as soon as you have a question about the text but there are several reasons this tool is designed this way:

- Often, questions you have in one section are answered if you keep reading! Rather than researching right away, this allows the text to answer for you.
- It allows for a full, big picture of the book.
- Sometimes we need to read through and have the sense that we accomplished something in order to be encouraged to read more. Constantly stopping to research may end up feeling discouraging. Like we aren't making progress.

Suggestions

When thinking of questions to ask, a simple way to get started is to keep in mind the following:



Consider who is involved in each book, chapter and verse.

- What are the people doing/saying, what is God doing/saying.
- What do different words, actions and ideas mean?
- Where and when are things happening?
- What is happening around them at the time?
- Why is something happening?
- Is what I'm reading "prescriptive" or "descriptive"?

Examples

Why does this chapter/book repeat the phrase?

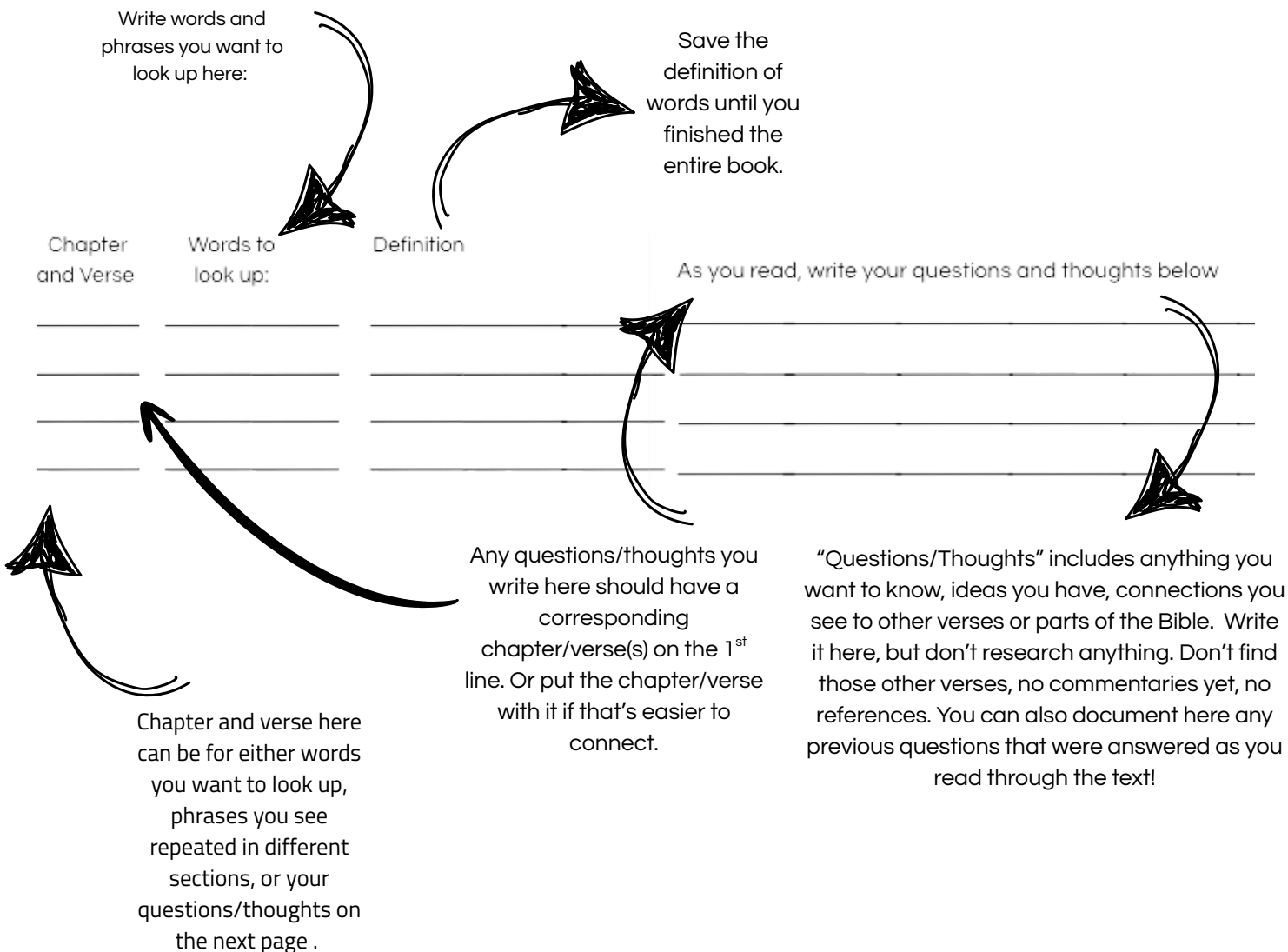
Who is _____?

What is significant about: (idea, word, action)?

What does _____ mean?

What to expect:

When you turn the page, the study will begin, with a two page layout. See below for what to do with each section:



Final Thoughts

1. Reminder: Wait to research anything before you complete the book.
2. Read what you can everyday, but work hard to not skip days. This will build the habit of reading, and help you retain important ideas.
3. Try to read multiple chapters a day to help keep ideas together. The early texts were not separated into chapters and verses so you might have days where you stop in the middle of a chapter- that's ok!

Research Time!

Congrats! You've finished your selected book!

Now that you're done reading, you have a complete picture of the book and it's time to dig a little deeper.

1. First, take a Minute to make sure you understand the difference between **INTERPRETATION** and **APPLICATION** of the text.
 - a. **Interpretation**- The author's original intent. Who it was written to and why was it written to them?
 - b. **Application**- Taking into the consideration of the original intent, how does this information apply to life today? How does it help in your current circumstances, help you better understand God's character, or help you grow as a believer?
2. Next, go back and look up the words and phrases you want to research.
 - a. What are the Hebrew (old Testament) and Greek (New Testament) words for what you are researching?
 - b. Where else are they used in the bible?
 - c. What is the meaning of the words and how does that impact the meaning of the text?
3. Once you have looked up words/phrases, look at any questions or thoughts that connected to these words.

Helpful Tools

- For Greek and Hebrew translations: <https://biblehub.com>
- For a list of commentaries:
<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/commentaries/>
- For different Bible versions to compare and review: YouVersion Bible App

When you are ready, download another packet (or a journal) and start another book!



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