



This Bible study workbook will not only help you understand God's teachings in the book of Galatians, but also teach you how to study the Scriptures systematically using two of the best methods available—Homiletics and Inductive Bible Study. The customized study methods in this workbook will provide you the means to discern the true meaning of most any Bible passage and will serve to root Scripture deep within your heart. They will also help you to comprehend specifically what God wants you to learn and to identify the truths that He wants you to apply.

Be assured that you do **not** have to be a pastor or even a Bible study leader or scholar to learn and effectively apply a systematic Bible study method. In fact, **everyone** can benefit greatly by using a methodical approach to analyze Scripture in order to more fully comprehend, know, and love our God and His gospel message. In his book *Daily Celebrations*, William Barclay asserts that the only way to learn and recall truth is to discover it ourselves:

“It is only when truth is discovered that it is appropriated. When a man is simply told the truth, it remains external to him and he can quite easily forget it. When he is led to discover the truth himself, it becomes an integral part of him and he never forgets.”

Each of the lessons in this workbook is broken into five study days, with each day requiring 30-60 minutes to complete. The purpose of the *PREPARATION for BIBLE STUDY* lessons is to lay a solid foundation for studying the Bible. These lessons will not only equip you with information that will help you more easily accomplish certain parts of the other lessons, but will also encourage you with God's Word to practice earnestly the discipline of Bible study.

In the *OVERVIEW*, you will learn what it means to observe the text of Scripture—as opposed to simply reading it—and will start practicing observation as you read through the entire Epistle to the Galatians in both your primary and secondary Bible translations.

In the remaining weeks' lessons, you will implement, for each chapter of Galatians, a specific set of commonly used Homiletics and Inductive Bible study exercises.

To help you implement with confidence the various exercises, I have provided a list of detailed guidelines and a completed example for each type of exercise. But even though there are explicit guidelines for carrying out each exercise, **there are usually no right or wrong answers**. In fact, many answers and end results will be unique to each person, for every person is unique and God speaks uniquely to each and every person.

Week 1

INTRODUCTION

DAY ONE

WELCOME!

DAY TWO

WORKBOOK SUMMARY

DAY THREE

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

DAYS FOUR & FIVE

TOOLS FOR MINING GOD'S RICHES

BIBLES

BIBLE DICTIONARIES

BIBLE CONCORDANCES

BIBLE COMMENTARIES

MISCELLANEOUS OTHER TOOLS

Week 2

PREPARATION for BIBLE STUDY

(Part 1)

DAY ONE

NECESSITY OF PRAYER

DAY TWO

VITAL STATE-OF-THE-HEART

DAY THREE

MEANS OF LEARNING GOD'S WORD

DAYS FOUR & FIVE

NECESSITY OF PRAYER REVIEW

VITAL STATE-OF-THE-HEART REVIEW

MEANS OF LEARNING GOD'S WORD

REVIEW

Week 3

PREPARATION for BIBLE STUDY

(Part 2)

DAY ONE

IMPORTANCE OF STUDYING

SCRIPTURE

DAY TWO

VALUE OF BIBLICAL MEDITATION

DAY THREE

SCRIPTURAL PROMISES

DAYS FOUR & FIVE

IMPORTANCE OF STUDYING

SCRIPTURE REVIEW

VALUE OF BIBLICAL MEDITATION

REVIEW

SCRIPTURAL PROMISES REVIEW

Week 4

OVERVIEW (Part 1)

DAY ONE

OBSERVING VERSUS SIMPLY READING

OBSERVING WHO, WHAT, WHEN,

WHERE, WHY, AND HOW

OBSERVING CONNECTOR WORDS

OBSERVING TEXT IN CONTEXT

OBSERVING SCRIPTURE

OBJECTIVELY

DAY TWO

READING HOLY SCRIPTURE (Primary

Bible)

DAY THREE

READING HOLY SCRIPTURE (Secondary

Bible)

DAY FOUR

IDENTIFYING KEY WORDS/PHRASES

(Part 1)

MARKING KEY WORDS/PHRASES

LISTING KEY WORDS/PHRASES

DAY FIVE

IDENTIFYING KEY WORDS/PHRASES

(Part 2)

LOCATING KEY WORDS/PHRASE

Week 5

OVERVIEW (Part 2)

DAY ONE

OBSERVING THE TIME, PLACE, AND

GENRE

DAY TWO

OBSERVING THE AUTHOR (Part 1)

DAY THREE

OBSERVING THE AUTHOR (Part 2)

DAY FOUR

OBSERVING THE AUTHOR (Part 2)
(cont'd)

DAY FIVE

OBSERVING THE RECIPIENTS

Week 6

CHAPTER 1 (Part 1)

DAY ONE

OBSERVING GOD (Part 1)

DAY TWO

OBSERVING GOD (Part 2)

DAY THREE

OBSERVING BELIEVERS

DAY FOUR

*IDENTIFYING OTHER KEY WORDS/
PHRASES*

DAY FIVE

DEFINING WORDS

Week 7

CHAPTER 1 (Part 2)

DAY ONE

SUMMARIZING CONTENT

DAY TWO

DIVIDING CONTENT

DAY THREE

*CONSTRUCTING A SUBJECT SENTENCE
CORRELATING SCRIPTURE WITH
SCRIPTURE*

DAY FOUR

ASCERTAINING AN AIM

DAY FIVE

IDENTIFYING LIFE APPLICATIONS

Weeks 8 & 9

The DAYS ONE through FIVE headings in CHAPTERS 2-6 (Parts 1 & 2) are the same as the DAYS ONE through FIVE headings in CHAPTER 1

APPENDIX A, Transcription of a Chuck Swindoll sermon

APPENDIX B, Six online articles regarding word-for-word and thought-for-thought translations and paraphrases

APPENDIX C, Instructions to prepare and print double-spaced Scripture text

APPENDIX D, Two online articles regarding words used in Psalm 119 to describe God's Word

APPENDIX E, Definitions from *The Complete Word Study Bible & Reference CD*

APPENDIX F, Four online articles regarding biblical meditation

APPENDIX G, Online articles regarding connecting words (aka signal, transition, transitional, or linking words)

APPENDIX H, Online articles regarding reading Scripture text in its context

APPENDIX I, Suggestions for marking Scripture text