



DIGGING DEEP

STUDY

GUIDE





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TOPIC Learning How to Approach the Word: James 1:5 (KJV)

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- 🎯 Approach Scripture with humility, confidence, and discernment
- 🎯 Read Bible passages with attention to context
- 🎯 Use simple tools to explore word meaning
- 🎯 Reflect on Scripture before applying it
- 🎯 Develop a repeatable, Scripture-centered study rhythm

MATERIALS

- Notebook or journal/ Sticky Notes
- Pen or pencil/ Highlighter
- Bookmarks

REFERENCES

- The Holy Bible
- Concordance (e.g., Strong's or equivalent)
- Cross-referenced Scripture passages

FOUNDATIONS OF SCRIPTURE STUDY

- Preparation of the heart
- Posture before the Word
- Practice: context, word study, and reflection

This guide focuses on how to study Scripture — not on reaching perfect understanding.

PREPARATION — HOW WE COME TO THE WORD: PSALM 119:18 (KJV)

- Acknowledge Scripture as God's Word
- Invite the Holy Spirit to teach and guide
- Lay aside assumptions, preferences, and agendas
- Come ready to listen, not to prove a point

Key reminder:

Preparation is about readiness, not knowledge.





POSTURE – HOW WE SIT WITH THE WORD: MATTHEW 11:15 (KJV)

- Scripture defines the terms
- Feelings respond; they do not lead
- Remain teachable and open
- Allow the Word to confront, clarify, and shape

Key reminder:

Posture keeps Scripture authoritative and us teachable.

PRACTICE – HOW WE STUDY THE WORD: ACTS 17:11 (KJV)

Context First

Ask these questions:

- Who is speaking?
- Who is being spoken to?
- What is happening historically?
- Why is this being said here?

Word Study Basics

- Look up key words using a concordance
- Observe original meanings
- Compare how the word is used elsewhere in Scripture
- Notice patterns without rushing to conclusions

Reflection Flow

- Observation: What does the text say?
- Reflection: What does this reveal about God or me?
- Application: How does this shape my life?





REFLECTION

EVALUATION

Demonstrate understanding by:

- Identifying context before interpretation
- Participating in guided word study
- Reflecting thoughtfully rather than reacting emotionally
- Engaging Scripture with patience and humility

Faithfulness matters more than fluency.

ASSIGNMENT

Choose a short passage or key word and walk through the process:

1. Read the surrounding context
2. Identify one key word
3. Look up its meaning using a concordance
4. Reflect using these questions:
 - What does this reveal about God?
 - What does this clarify in me?
 - What alignment is God inviting?

Write one clear application — not many.