

METHODS OF BIBLE STUDY

**DIVING
DEEPER IN
GOD'S WORD**

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For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than a double edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

HEBREWS 4:12

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All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness”

II TIMOTHY 3:16



LEXIO DIVINA

LECTIO: READING

Take it slow, and read through it multiple time and in multiple ways if possible.

MEDITATION: REFLECTION

What stood out to me as I read through this text? What is the Lord trying to say to me through this text? Am I being convicted of anything as I read?

ORATIO: PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Take time to pray the Scripture that you just read and meditated on, and bring whatever is in your heart to the Lord.

CONTEMPLATIO: SILENCE BEFORE GOD

Sit in silence before the Lord; practice feeling His closeness, and listening for His voice.

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Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 JOHN 4:7-21

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Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is made complete in us. This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and we testify that the Father has sent his Son as the world's Savior. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God—God remains in him and he in God. And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us.

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God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him. In this, love is made complete with us so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, because as he is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love; instead, perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment. So the one who fears is not complete in love. We love because he first loved us.

1 JOHN 4:7-21

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If anyone says, “I love God,” and yet hates his brother or sister, he is a liar. For the person who does not love his brother or sister whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And we have this command from him: The one who loves God must also love his brother and sister.

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HOMILETICS

FIVE DIVISIONS

1. Content
2. Divisions
3. Subject Sentence
4. Aim
5. Application

CONTENT

- “What is this passage about?”
- Not interpretation, simply listing the facts and order of events
- The goal is to internalize the “what” of your reading.
- No less than 10 and no more than 20 statements.
- Shrink and Distill down the details.

CONTENT

Example: 1 John 4:7-21

- 1.v 7 Love eachother because of God's love
- 2.v 8 Love is God's mark
- 3.v 9-10 God's love for us
- 4.v 11-12 Our love displays God's love
- 5.v 13-15 The work of the Trinity enables us to abide and marks us as of God
- 6.v 16 Abiding in God is abiding in love
- 7.v 17-18 Confidence in love instead of fear
- 8.v 19 We love because he loves
- 9.v 20 No love= no love for God
- 10.v 21 Love eachother because of God's love

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- Step back from the passage and look at it through spiritual eyes in finding the subject of your passage.

DIVISIONS

Example: 1 John 4:7-21

1. v 7-12 Our **love** for each other flows from the extravagant **love** of God and puts his **love** on display.
2. v 13-18 The Trinity **abides** in us and perfects our **love**, giving us confidence instead of fear.
3. v 19-21 God's **love** is the mark of a true believer.

SUBJECT SENTENCE

- Final summary of the passage.
- Facts only; not interpretive
- Ask yourself what makes this passage different? What sets it apart?
- Try to keep it to 10 words only.
- Utilize the subjects and verbs from your division statements.

SUBJECT SENTENCE

Example: 1 John 4:7-21

God **loves** us so, when we **abide**, we **love** others.

AIM

- What is being communicated here?
- What is the point the Author is trying to make to his audience?
- It needs to be doctrinally sound; true in all times, all places, and for all people.
- It will be throughout the whole passage.

AIM

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God's love will flow out of true believers,
and will be a hallmark of true abiding in Him

APPLICATION

- This section is personal; how am I applying the passage to my life?
- Question format; one for each division you created earlier.
- Your goal is to come up with questions that motivate change and challenge your heart.
- Avoid yes or no questions/answers

APPLICATION

Example: 1 John 4:7-21

1. Are there areas of my life that don't reflect Christ's love as it should to my neighbor?
2. What fear do I have in my heart that I need to surrender to the love of God in exchange for confidence?
3. Who in my life can I show God's extravagant love to?

HOMILETICS FOR JOHN 1 TOGETHER

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