



## Bible Passage Study Guidelines

The goal is for you to learn to feed yourself from the Word of God

### 1. Pick a passage of Scripture from the list below

- Matthew 7:1-14
- Romans 5:1-5
- Romans 8:1-8
- Ephesians 1:1-14
- James 1:2-11
- 1 Peter 1:1-9

### 2. Put together a notebook for your use

- **Sections in your notebook**
  - Preparation (see #3)
  - Insights (see #4)
  - Word study (see #5)
  - Passage rewrite (see #6)
  - What you have learned and applied (see #7)

### 3. Reading to prepare for learning

- Read the chapter of, as well as, the chapters before and after the passage. Context is very important.
- Focus on the assigned verses, reading them several times.
- Read a study Bible or other resource to understand the author's purpose for writing the book and how the verses you have picked fit into the overall purpose of the book. Make notes on things you feel are important.

### 4. Write down insights from the verses

- As you read, write down insights, truths, principles as God speaks to you from the text itself.
- You will do this throughout the study.

### 5. Pick out important words from the verses

- Use online resources or commentaries to understand the meanings of the words.
- See mentor or Pastor for helpful materials.
- Example from Romans 3:23, *For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*  
- "sinned" - *to miss the mark, come short. Past evil acts against God.*

### 6. Rewrite the passage in your own words

- When you feel like you understand the text, write in your own words. Be free, but stay true to the text's meaning.

### 7. Make the passage real in your own life

- Journal what God has said to you and how you have applied the truths learned.