

Bible Study Methods

Observation

What does it say?

Look closely at the verse you are studying. Answer some or all of these questions.
Who are the people involved?
What happened?
Where does this take place?
When did it take place?
How are things accomplished?
Are there any key words in the passage?
What images (pictures) are in the passage?

Interpretation

What does it mean?

- Write out questions about what you don't understand in the passage.
- What do you think this passage meant to the original audience that received it?
- Are there any words you need to better understand?

Application

What does it mean to me?

- The following questions may help you apply this passage to your life.
The **SPECK** method-
- 1. Is there a **SIN** for me to avoid?
- 2. Is there a **PROMISE** for me to claim?
- 3. Is there an **EXAMPLE** for me to follow? ...
... or not follow?
- 4. Is there a **COMMAND** for me to obey?
- 5. Is there any other **KNOWLEDGE** I should pursue?

Illustration

How do I pass it on?

- Draw a picture or diagram to illustrate what you have discovered from this passage.

For Example – Monday 27th Feb Reading

Mark 8:22-38

²²As Jesus and his disciples were going into Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch the man. ²³Jesus took him by the hand and led him out of the village, where he spit into the man's eyes. He placed his hands on the blind man and asked him if he could see anything. ²⁴The man looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees walking around." ²⁵Once again Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes, and this time the man stared. His eyes were healed, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶Jesus said to him, "You may return home now, but don't go into the village." ²⁷Jesus and his disciples went to the villages near the town of Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along, he asked them, "What do people say about me?" ²⁸The disciples answered, "Some say you are John the Baptist or maybe Elijah. Others say you are one of the prophets." ²⁹Then Jesus asked them, "But who do you say I am?" "You are the Messiah!" Peter replied. ³⁰Jesus warned the disciples not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Jesus began telling his disciples what would happen to him. He said, "The nation's leaders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law of Moses will make the Son of Man suffer terribly. He will be rejected and killed, but three days later he will rise to life." ³²Then Jesus explained clearly what he meant. Peter took Jesus aside and told him to stop talking like that. ³³But when Jesus turned and saw the disciples, he corrected Peter. He said to him, "Satan, get away from me! You are thinking like everyone else and not like God." ³⁴Jesus then told the crowd and the disciples to come closer, and he said: If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross and follow me. ³⁵If you want to save your life, you will destroy it. But if you give up your life for me and for the good news, you will save it. ³⁶What will you gain, if you own the whole world but destroy yourself? ³⁷What could you give to get back your soul? ³⁸Don't be ashamed of me and my message among these unfaithful and sinful people! If you are, the Son of Man will be ashamed of you when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.