

Three Techniques of Bible Study

First: Plan to write, plan to spend at least 20 minutes each time, pick a translation you understand, pick a book of the Bible
Next: Pray first! Read the whole book through. Look up author, audience, history, type of literature.
Study: Pick a technique below to focus your attention as you study each chapter.
Always: You must WRITE in order to LEARN.

Manuscript Study	Summary Chart	Ten Questions
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a manuscript of the first chapter with only chapter markings and paragraphs using biblegateway.com. Print with large margins and double-spaced lines. 2. Get several different colored pens or pencils. Mark the chapter with different characters: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mark the author in green, mark the audience in red b. Underline the words of God c. Circle key words d. Use one margin to write out lists e. Use the other margin to write the key point of each paragraph 3. At the end of each chapter, record in your notebook the main points you learned. 4. Repeat for each chapter. Collect and store the manuscripts of each book of the Bible. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Print a chart to summarize the book (see link): 2. Print enough of these charts so that you have a column for each chapter. 3. Carefully read each chapter 4. Create a short chapter title for each chapter (1-4 words) and write it in the top of each column 5. Create and write paragraph titles under each chapter title. See how each paragraph fits into the chapter title you've chosen. 6. Note personal applications along the way. Write these in a different ink color in the columns, or along the bottom, or just in your notebook. 7. Mark with a question mark sections you find confusing as you read. Use commentaries (online or study Bible) to explore sections of the chapter you find confusion. 8. Repeat for the next chapter 9. After all chapters are summarized, mark divisions. 	<p>Read the first chapter through four or five times. After the first few readings, start recording the following 10 things in a worksheet or in your notebook</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chapter title: Be minimal and memorable 2. Outline: outline or summarize what the chapter is about 3. People: who are the main people? Why are they significant? 4. Key word/s: Is there a key word? 5. Main point: What is the main point of the author? 6. Cross-references: if your Bible lists these, look them up and summarize 7. Challenges: Anything you don't understand? Any words to study later? 8. Main verse: what is the most meaningful verse for you? 9. God: What do you learn about God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit? 10. Application: what specific action will you take? <p>Continue with the next chapter.</p>