

YEAR OF THE BIBLE LEARNING CENTER

40 WAYS TO STUDY THE BIBLE

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Resource from the Western District Library, "Learn to Study the Bible"
by Andy Deane

"When we study the Bible, we should do so with the intention of allowing it to transform us. Our goal is not to master it, but rather, to be mastered by it. Therefore we should come to God's word with two basic questions: 1) What does God want to say to me/us? and 2) What does God want me/us to do." p. 20

Deane suggests 3 basic skills to help understand God's word:

1. **Observation is:** discovery, exploration, looking at what is there, seeing more clearly
2. **Interpretation is:** digesting, explaining, knowing, deciding what it means
3. **Application is:** so what does this mean, what does it ask of us, what difference will this make in my life?

* 40 different step-by-step methods to help discover, apply and enjoy God's Word

* Basic Bible Study Methods-simple ways for everyone to study God's Word

Daily Bread

Six Searches

Five P's method

SPECS ON

Alphabet Method

One at a time

Exhaustive Questions

Timothy method

Rethink and Restate

* Major Bible Study Methods-time tested approaches for those who want to go deeper

Verse-by-verse charting	Chapter overview
Chapter details	Book overview
Book details	Bible characters
Biblical topics	Bible themes
Word studies	

* Creative Bible Study Methods-interesting methods that add variety to Bible study

Translation comparison	Messy Bible
Modern issues	Thirty days
Vantage point	Skeptics method

* Studying Specific Passages-Diverse techniques for studying certain Biblical topics

Royal Wisdom	Categorizing Proverbs
Meeting Jesus	Twenty Jesus questions
The commands of Jesus	Truly, Truly
Study the Biblical types	Study the prayers
Study the miracles	Study the parables
Study the Psalms	

* Study Methods for younger students-Basic Bible study methods for teenage students

- Heart Monitor
- Funnel it
- Weather report
- Climb the ladder
- Cross thoughts