



How to Study Your Bible (Continued)



Character Study:

Step 1: Select a character to study – Andrew (the disciple)

Character Study:

Step 2: Find every mention of the character in the Bible:

- **Matthew 4:18**
- **Matthew 10:2**
- **Mark 1:29**
- **Mark 3:18**
- **Mark 13:13**



Character Study:

- **Luke 6:14**
- **John 1:40**
- **John 1:44**
- **John 6:8**
- **John 12:22**
- **Acts 1:13**

Character Study:

Step 2: Make an application from each mention:

- **Matthew 4:18-20** – *“And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.”*
- **Application** – Andrew was Peter’s brother. He was quick to forsake what he was doing to follow Jesus.

Character Study:

- **Mark 1:29** – *“And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.”*
- **Mark 13:3** – *“And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,”*
- **Application** – We always mention Peter, James and John as the core of the disciples (inner circle). What we find here though is Andrew with these disciples we label as the inner circle.

Character Study:

- **John 1:35–42** - (Turn Here)
- **Application** – We find here that Andrew was the first of the disciples to be called. We also see here that it was Andrew who brought his brother to Jesus. We always speak of all the things Peter did in scripture but miss the fact that he was brought to Christ by his brother (Andrew). “He saw the value of individual people.” John Macarthur



Character Study:

- **John 6:1-9 - (Turn Here)**
- **Application** – We find here that Andrew did not just bring people to Christ but that he also brought resources to Christ. “He saw the value of insignificant gifts.” John Macarthur

Character Study:

- **Acts 1:13** - *“And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.”*
- **Application** – This is Andrew’s last mention in scripture. What we find in his last mention is that he is still faithful to his savior. From his first mention to his last mention we find that Andrew was a consistently faithful servant of Christ. He was always there.



Character Study:

Step 3: Make personal applications (most important step)

My personal applications:

1. Am I being faithful in bringing individuals to Christ?
2. Do I trust the Lord with my resources? Is He worthy enough in my life for my resources?
3. Am I an example of someone who is consistently faithful?



Studying a Book of the Bible:

**Step 1: Select a book of the Bible to study –
Habakkuk**

Studying a Book of the Bible:

Step 2: Develop an overview of the book (get a helicopter view)

Author: Habakkuk

- A contemporary of Jeremiah, Nahum, and Zephaniah
- His name means – “One who embraces”

Date: 622-605 – Habakkuk ministered in Judah just before the Babylonian captivity.

Studying a Book of the Bible:

Theme: “The just shall live by faith” (Habakkuk 2:4)

- It is without a doubt a book about faith. More specifically the Christian keeping faith in God regardless of circumstances.

Christ in the Book:

- The one who justifies – 2:4
- The Lord in His holy temple – 2:20
- The God of my salvation – 3:18

Studying a Book of the Bible:

Step 3: Split the book up narratively (outline the book)

I. Habakkuk questioning God (1:2-2:20)

- A. His first complaint (1:2-4)
- B. God's first response (1:5-11)
- C. His second response (1:12-2:1)
- D. God's second response (2:2-2:20)

II. Habakkuk worshiping God (3:1-19)

- A. Petition for God's mercy (3:1-2)
- B. Praise of God's power (3:3-15)
- C. Promise of God's sufficiency (3:16-19)



Studying a Book of the Bible:

Steps 4 and 5: Read the book making applications as you read.

- Do not continue reading the next narrative until you have made applications.



Studying a Book of the Bible:

Step 6: Make personal applications from the book.

- What has the book of Habakkuk taught me? Where can I improve? Etc.



In Conclusion:

Always keep in mind that making applications is the difference between Bible reading and Bible study.



In Conclusion:

Do not shy away from bringing in other resources to your Bible study. If we treat our devotional life like a routine, then don't be surprised when it becomes routine. Surround your study with supplemental resources when they are available.

* By the way - Its 2019 so the resources are available...