



# 5 Tips to Writing a Bible Study

## Tip #1 - Study, Study, Study

It might seem obvious but writing a bible study requires in-depth research and study so the end result is as biblically accurate as possible. Consider taking a course on biblical interpretation and fill your library with resources such as commentaries, scholarly works on either topics or passages of scripture you are writing about. Consider a good bible software program such as Logos.

## Tip #2 - Storytelling

A skilled bible study writer weaves in relevant storytelling to illustrate the truth that is being communicated. Storytelling helps the reader engage with the concepts and application. Consider opening each lesson with a story that illustrates the truth from scripture. Look for ways to draw out the application through the story to help the reader as they study the scripture intended.

## Tip #3- Structure

Whether you are writing the study on a specific biblical topic or a passage/book of the Bible this will determine the best structure to help the reader get the most from the study. Ask the question, what do I want the reader to take away in this lesson/chapter? What elements are important for each lesson to drive home the application? Questions like these will help determine best structure.



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### Tip #4 - Strength of good formatting

After you have created a solid structure think about the best way to format the Bible study for the flow and learning of the reader. What order should each element be placed in the lesson/chapter? Should the study have a place for writing out scripture studied that day? How many application questions should each lesson have? Determining a consistent format ahead of time is crucial.

### Tip #5 - Seek out reviewers

As a first time bible study writer, seeking out a group to review the bible study can help to give healthy feedback on structure, format, and other elements to refine the final project. Consider leading a group to introduce them to the bible study and work through each lesson as a participant and guide. Take notes along the way on what can be strengthened for the final draft.

**FINAL NOTE:** Writing a bible study is not for the faint of heart. It takes a commitment to study, listen, and pray, then pray some more, before and as you write. If you love God's Word and have a passion to communicate truth then believe the Holy Spirit will help you every step of the way!