

STUDY TOOLS RESOURCE | SHINE NOV 2020

Remember we ultimately have the Holy Spirit leading us! **1 John 2:27 says "But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him."** Commentaries and other resources are great but let the Holy Spirit be our guide first and seeking a commentary second. The Holy Spirit gives us insight and we need to allow him to lead and teach us.

PRAY

Ask God to teach you, to show you something new about this character. Ask Him to open your eye in awe and wonder. **Psalms 19:18 says "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law."** Ask God to help you understand. Do this before, during and after your study time.

LOOK FOR CONTEXT

- Who wrote it?
- When did they write it? What was the culture like then?
- Who did they write it for?
- Why did they write it? (purpose)

READ

Read through the complete section of text you plan on studying. This will help you put each chapter, for example, in the context of the whole book. Each time you read through, pick a different question to answer or thing to look for.

- What questions do you have?
- What stood out to you?
- What does this tell me about God? (NOT what does this say about me?)
- Look for repeating ideas
- Look for lists
- Use charts for comparisons
- Summarize sections

- Verse by verse...
 - Define important or confusing words
 - Use cross references to better understand biblical context
 - Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase)

OTHER METHODS TO TRY

Katie Orr - FOCUSed15 method | <https://resources.katieorr.me/bible-study-resources>

Love God Greatly - SOAP method | <https://lovegodgreatly.com/how-to-soap/>