

STUDYING THE BIBLE

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting & training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Tim 3:16-17

METHOD

- Read the chapter five times
- Use a bible without commentary notes
- Read straight through; try to understand general argument & central message
- If meaning remains obscure, try some different translations
- If you find it hard to concentrate, read aloud

THE TEN CS...

1. CAPTION
Write your own short, descriptive title in 1-5 words. Use a key word you see in the text.

2. CONTENTS
Summarise the main points in sections, as the text naturally breaks.

3. CHIEF PEOPLE
Who are they?
Why are they there?
What is their significance?

4. CHOICE VERSE
Which verse is the key to the chapter, would you say?

5. CRUCIAL WORD(S)
What are the main nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs?

6. CHALLENGES
Write out any problems with meaning/interpretation.

7. CROSS REFERENCE
Look at related verses and passages.

8. CHRIST
What do you learn of Jesus' nature? (Yes, in the OT too! See Luke 24:27,44)

9. CENTRAL LESSONS
What are the major principles and insights in this chapter?

10. CONCLUSION Apply (how will this change you? Does the application help me become more like Jesus?)
Memorise a key verse to reinforce the application.