

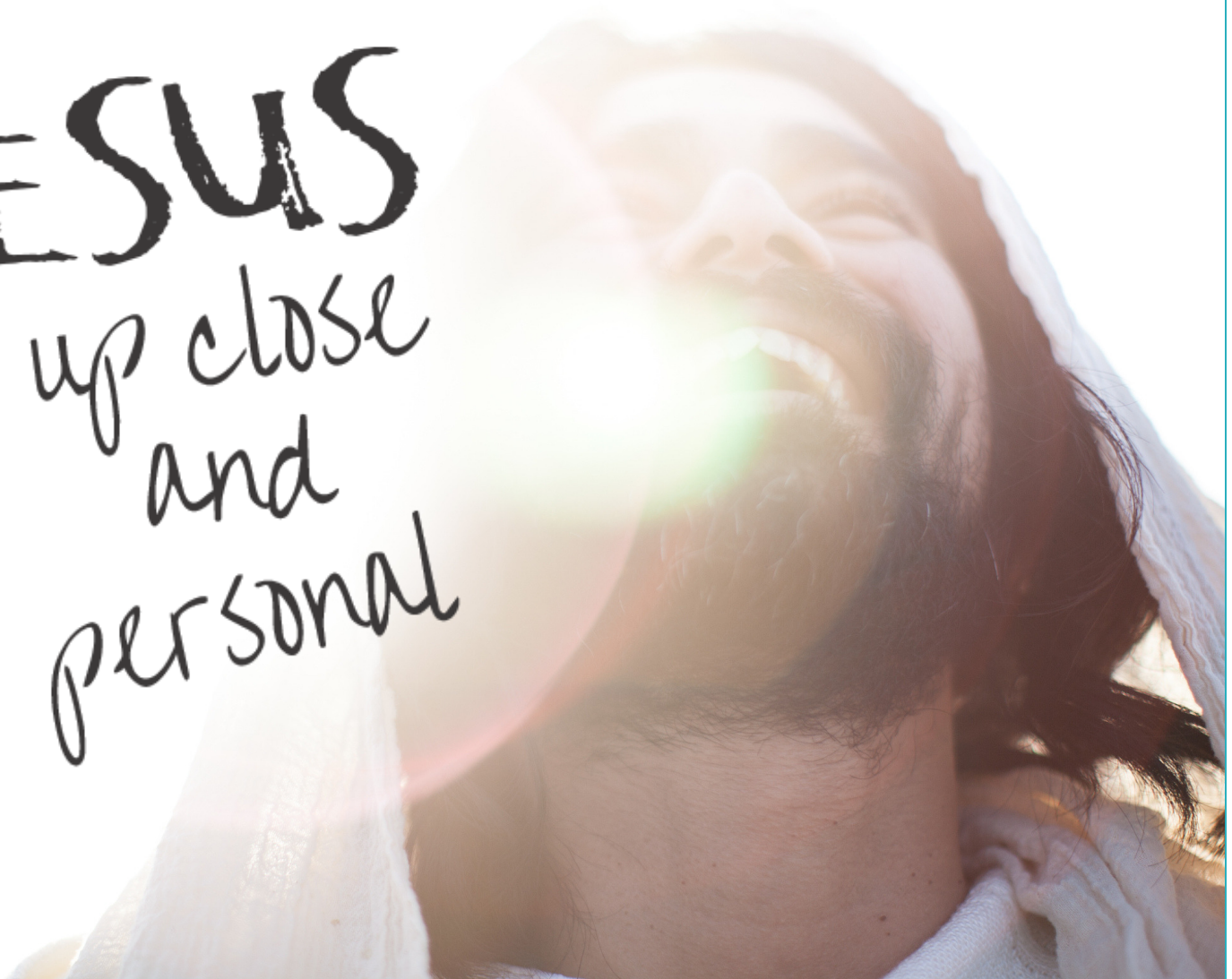
A BIBLE STUDY

LEADING WOMEN
TO WALK IN THE TRUTHS
OF GOD'S WORD

by Sharon Thomas



JESUS
up close
and
personal



GROW

through teaching,
personal study and
scripture memory

LEARN

a Bible Study tool called
Bible Study 101 which
will help you dig deeper

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with Christ and others as
you join together in
meaningful community



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Hi friends,

How excited I am that this book is in your hands and open for your use. Why? Well, because I know this book is going to help you dig into the most important book ever written, God's Word! Actually, if you have ever heard me share before, you have probably heard me say, "Your Bible may look like a book, feel like a book and read like a book... you probably even bought it in a bookstore. But your Bible is not a book, it is the living, active Word of God!" And because of that, it is so important that we establish our daily life steps in every Word it speaks to us!

I am so thankful for many special women who have helped me establish my footsteps in the knowing of Jesus through His Word. Each has journeyed with me in one way or another, digging into scripture, nudging me closer, so that I could get an up close and personal look at Jesus. And not just look at Him, but really get to know Him for myself.

Nothing has been richer in my life than knowing Jesus. So yes, I'm beyond grateful for those who have helped me know Him, and I also find great joy and purpose in doing the same for others. The body of Christ is beautifully rich when we all embrace the living Word of God to grow in relationship with Jesus and then share Him together.

That is what this Bible Study is all about. Getting to know Jesus and encouraging each other to know Him too. It's really that simple.

In the coming weeks, as individuals, we will dig into the living pages of our Bibles so we can see Jesus up close and get to know Him in personal ways. But we will also come together to nudge one another along...

Our study will be a mixture of large gathering times, personal study times and small group times. I want to encourage you to be a part of every single moment!

As we study together, we will be using a tool that I affectionately like to call "Bible Study 101". The more you use it, the more you'll find yourself moving beyond just reading your Bible, to really mining out the Life found in its pages. Our study will also include a focus on some of Jesus' names and we'll also be memorizing a small passage of scripture together. If any of that sounds intimidating, don't worry, we will all encourage each other along. It's going to be great!

Psalm 72 was written in part to foretell of the greatness of Jesus' name before He was ever even born on the earth. During our study, we will be memorizing a portion of it in verses 17 – 19 which read like this:

***May His name endure forever;
May His name increase as long as the sun shines;
And let men bless themselves by Him;
Let all nations call Him blessed.
Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who alone works wonders.
And blessed be His glorious name forever; and may the whole earth be filled with His glory.
Amen and Amen.***

As we begin this study, my prayer for each of us is founded upon these verses. Join me in praying together...
"O Lord, as we seek Jesus in up close and personal ways, may we invite His name to endure in our hearts forever and increase as long as the sun shines. May we learn to bless ourselves by His name and may others in every nation call Him blessed because we share Him. You alone God are the only One who works wonders. Work wonders in us as we seek to know You. Bless us with the glory of Your name. And help us to share Your name in all the earth! Amen and Amen!"

Blessings as we study God's Word together to know of Jesus' wonderful, beautiful, powerful name!

Sharon Thomas

STUDY FLOW

Jesus, Up Close and Personal is a study of 6 encounters with Jesus which are recorded in the Gospels. It is designed to help each participant step in closer to fully knowing Jesus Christ. By embracing every part of the study, all participants will do just that. Each encounter will flow in this way:

Teaching by Sharon Thomas
Bible Study 101 completed by each participant
Additional Study Steps completed by each participant
Small Group Discussion

This study is recommended for small groups, but it can be completed by an individual as well. Teachings can be found on YouTube by searching 'Established Footsteps Ministry'. Each participant will be encouraged throughout the study to memorize Psalm 72:17-19. This symbol on the right will be your reminder to memorize.



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A PERSONAL ENCOURAGEMENT

As this is a Bible Study, I encourage you to study your Bible and use this book as a tool. Sounds obvious, right? Yes, but we are all prone to get these things mixed up and thereby miss the fullness of what God has for us. So, to encourage you to give God's Word the central focus, here are a few practical tips:

- **Pray** and let God know that you want to hear Him speak to you.
- **Use a hard copy of the Bible** for this study. Seeing the scripture for each encounter in the same format each time you study will be helpful for meditating on the content and personally taking ownership of it.
- When you listen to the teaching, if possible, **have your Bible open** and follow along.
- As you move through each activity in this study book, **read the encounter in your Bible over and over again**. You will be surprised at how different words will come to life for you at varied times.

These are simply some personal suggestions which I have found to be very helpful for Bible Study. They are not rules you have to follow, but suggestions I hope will be of benefit to you.

BIBLE STUDY 101 - LET'S LEARN HOW!

Passage Matthew 1:18-25 (Encounter #1)

Step 1: Content

List out the facts in 10-20 statements

- Verse 18a Matthew begins to explain how Jesus came to be born on the earth
- Verse 18b Mary was engaged to Joseph but before coming together she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit
- Verse 19 Joseph, who was righteous and didn't want to disgrace her, planned to divorce her secretly
- Verse 20a when he considered it, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream
- Verse 20b The angel said, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."
- Verse 21 The angel also said, "She will bear a son; and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."
- Verse 22 Matthew explains that all this took place to fulfill what the Lord spoke through Isaiah
- Verse 23 The prophecy said that a virgin will bear a son and call him Immanuel meaning God with us
- Verse 24 when Joseph awoke from the dream he did as the Lord commanded and he married Mary
- Verse 25a Joseph kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a son;
- Verse 25b Joseph called the child Jesus

Step 2: Divisions - Summarizing the Facts

Create 2-4 Division Statements to summarize the facts of the passage

- Verse 18 I. Matthew reveals how Mary conceives Jesus through the Holy Spirit
- Verses 19-21 II. Matthew reveals how Joseph was directed by the Holy Spirit
- Verses 21-23 III. Matthew reveals two of Jesus' names
- Verses 24-25 IV. Matthew reveals Joseph's obedience and reverence

Step 3: Subject Sentence

Use the facts to describe the entire passage in one sentence no more than 12 words long

Matthew reveals the Holy Spirit's work in Jesus' conception, naming and Joseph's heart.

Step 4: Heart

Consider all the facts to determine the heart of the passage. Write it in one sentence beginning with "To cause the learner to..."

To cause the learner to see the Holy Spirit's detailed and very personal work in bringing forth Jesus on the earth.

Step 5: Specific Application Questions and Ponderings

Create questions and ponderings based on each division (step 2) to help you apply the passage to real life

I. Verse 18

1. Read verse 18 and also a companion passage, Luke 1:26-38. Write down Mary's responses. Imagine yourself to be Mary. Describe how you would respond.
2. Mary's encounter with the Holy Spirit and His work of conceiving Jesus in her womb superseded everything going on in her life in that season. Her wedding, her relationship with Joseph, her relationships with her family and friends, her thoughts of the future... all of it was now placed under the importance of Jesus in her life. Do you allow Jesus' presence to take precedence over everything in your life? Why or why not? Explain.

II. Verses 19-21

1. Read verses 19-21 (and 24 - 25 too). Describe Joseph. Describe his struggle.
2. Describe how the Holy Spirit met Joseph in the midst of his struggle and gave him direction, talking him through his fear, and helping him make Godly decisions.
3. Has the Holy Spirit ever met you in a place of fear and talked you through it?
4. Is there a place of struggle in your life right now, where God is asking something of you, but it is scary and you just can't seem to make sense of it all? Describe it.
5. Write out a prayer asking the Lord to give you direction and then pray it.

III. Verses 21-23

1. Read verses 21 and also a companion passage, Luke 1:31. To whom did the Holy Spirit reveal Jesus' name? Does it seem especially kind that He revealed to Joseph also?
2. What does the name Jesus mean? How does this meaning affect you personally?
3. Read verses 22-23. What does this prophetic name of Jesus specifically mean?
4. Why would this name be especially meaningful to the Jewish people at that time?
5. Only Jesus bears the name "Immanuel" meaning God with us. Do you ever find yourself giving that name to other people/things? How can you reserve it for Jesus only?

IV. Verses 24-25

1. Read verses 24-25. Ponder and write down the steps of obedience that Joseph took.
2. Do you think Joseph's time with the Holy Spirit and seeing this prophecy of the name "Immanuel" fulfilled had anything to do with his obedience? Explain your answer.
3. Mary and Joseph would later come to know that every word of God is fulfilled in Jesus. Perhaps you are waiting on God to fulfill His word to you too. How can this encourage you as you wait on the Lord for a specific promise in your own life?

BIBLE STUDY 101

Passage Matthew 1:18-25 (Encounter #1)

Step 1: Content

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Step 2: Divisions – Summarizing the Facts

Create 2-4 Division Statements to summarize the facts of the passage

Step 3: Subject Sentence

Use the facts to describe the entire passage in one sentence no more than 12 words long

Step 4: Heart

Consider all the facts to determine the heart of the passage. Write it in one sentence beginning with *“To cause the learner to...”*

Step 5: Specific Application Questions and Ponderings

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ADDITIONAL STUDY STEPS FOR ENCOUNTER #1

Memorization Notes

Scripture memorization is a powerful discipline to line your steps up with the Truth of God's Word. Psalm 72:17-19 is a marvelous backdrop to our study and we are going to memorize it! There are six lines of expression in these three verses, so for each encounter we will put our energy toward a part of it and build as we go along. You will find these verses as quoted from the NASB version of the Bible on the back of your book. I encourage you to use that version for memorizing so that when you meet with your group, you will all be working toward memorizing the same version.

As the king of Israel, Solomon wrote Psalm 72 as a cry to God for help. He wanted to be a king who reflected the glory of God so that the nation could experience God's blessing, and so in this psalm, Solomon is praying into those desires. Within his prayer, he is also making declaration of how he would live out his prayer as he rules the people.

Although this was the prayer of Solomon, it is also rich with Messianic prophecy... meaning that Solomon's prayer for himself is also a prayer and description of how Jesus would rule and reign one day as King! As we memorize, we will be thinking of Solomon's prayer in relation to Jesus and His name!

Our memorization focus for this encounter will be the first part of verse 17. It reads like this:

"May His name endure forever" 

Remember, this symbol is a reminder to stop and give energy to hiding these words in your heart. So do that now by saying them out loud several times, writing them down several times... whatever works best for you.

Now, consider these thoughts...

The name of Jesus will endure forever. When we study Jesus in scripture, we find that He always has been and that He always will be. You may have just recently met Jesus, or maybe you have known Him all of your life, but the Bible is clear that Jesus was alive before the foundation of the world and that He will reign forever! (See Colossians 1:13-17 and Revelation 11:15)

So then, why should we pray "**May His name endure forever**" when it already has and will? Here is why... I believe this prayer should be up close and personal for me. The name of Jesus will always endure, but I have say over what that endurance looks like in my own life. Philippians 2:8-11 tells us that "*One day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess Jesus' name as the highest name of all,*" so at some point, every one of us will lift Jesus' name high. But why wait for that day... when I can lift His name high now?

See... this prayer "**May His name endure forever**" should be the prayer of my own heart.

Meaning... I should pray that His name would endure forever in me! That I would be so captivated by Jesus, that I would hold onto His name at all times, never letting go. That His name and all the wonderful, beautiful and powerful richness it contains will stay steadfast in my soul. That I will never give up trusting in His name, that His name will forever have the highest place in every moment of my life!

So... as you memorize I encourage you to embrace this prayer for yourself. I am doing the same!



BIBLE STUDY 101

Passage John 3:1-17 (Encounter #2)

Step 1: Content

List out the facts in 10-20 statements

Step 2: Divisions – Summarizing the Facts

Create 2-4 Division Statements to summarize the facts of the passage

Step 3: Subject Sentence

Use the facts to describe the entire passage in one sentence no more than 12 words long

Step 4: Heart

Consider all the facts to determine the heart of the passage. Write it in one sentence beginning with *“To cause the learner to...”*

Step 5: Specific Application Questions and Ponderings

Create questions and ponderings based on each division (step 2) to help you apply the passage to real life

ADDITIONAL STUDY STEPS FOR ENCOUNTER #2

Memorization Notes

As you know, a part of our study is memorizing Psalm 72:17-19. I encourage you not to skip out on this part of the study because scripture memorization is a powerful discipline to line your steps up with the Truth of God's Word. We noted last week that there are six lines of expression in these three verses, so for each encounter we will put our energy toward one of them, but we will also keep building on what we have already memorized as we go along. So that means this week we will add on the next line of expression to the one we already memorized last week. This building will continue each week so at the end you will have all three verses memorized. This is so doable!

Just to remind you, King Solomon wrote Psalm 72 as a prayer to God for help. He wanted to be a king who reflected the glory of God so that the nation could experience God's blessing. But we must remember that this Psalm is also rich with Messianic prophecy... meaning that Solomon's prayer for himself is also a prayer and description of how Jesus would rule and reign one day as King! Therefore as we memorize, remember we are speaking of the name of Jesus!

So, as we add on this next line, we want to be able to say both of these lines from memory by the end of the week:

"May His name endure forever;

May His name increase as long as the sun shines;"

Also remember, every time you see this "MEMORIZE" symbol, it is a reminder to stop and give energy to hiding these words of scripture in your heart. So do that now by saying them out loud several times, writing them down several times... or whatever works best for you.



Now, consider these thoughts...

Did you know that one of Jesus' given names is "*The Sunrise From on High*"? This name for Jesus was prophesied through Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. (See Luke 1:78).

I love a beautiful sunrise, so when I learned this name of Jesus, I just couldn't help but smile and think about all the implications of such a name... many that affect me now, and for eternity too. One is that there will come a time when the sun is no longer needed to light the day. Revelation 21:23 tells us Jesus will be the light!

Knowing this, why then would we pray, "*May His name increase as long as the sun shines*" from Psalm 72?

Well just like last week, the focus of this prayer needs to be up close and personal for each of us. See, as long as the sun continues to rise and set over my life... meaning for every day I live on this earth, my prayer should be "Jesus increase your name in me!" By praying for this increase, I am asking to be taught. Taught to know His name, taught to trust His name, and taught to lean on the power of His name! This prayer is simply a humble cry that says, "Teach me... I know there is more to learn of Your beauty, wonder and power Jesus!"

Encounter #2 allows us to eavesdrop on the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus. Nicodemus basically said, "Tell me more of who You are." He was a learned man, but he longed for increase and Jesus taught him.

No matter how much we know of Jesus, there is more to know. Just as the sun rises displaying new glory every day, so Jesus wants to rise up in our lives, increasing His glory. As we memorize this week, may we make these more than just words remembered in our minds. Make we make these words the prayer of our hearts. Oh Jesus, teach us!



My “Choice Question” For You

I also dug into John 3:1-17 using Bible Study 101. I have picked one of my questions for you to answer.

Is there anything Jesus has recently been speaking to you about in a "truly, truly" tone?

If so, describe the conversation and your response to what He is speaking to you.

I Personally Call Him

After stepping up close to listen in as Jesus conversed with Nicodemus, are there any names or titles that you would now personally give Him? If so, record them here and write out a prayer to Jesus using it/them.

*Note: During the teaching time, I shared a title which I personally gave Jesus after listening in on this encounter. As I saw Jesus teach Nicodemus, I called Him “Teacher of My Life” which reminds me He has the best answers, and I want to be a humble learner.



BIBLE STUDY 101

Passage Mark 10:46-52 (Encounter #3)

Step 1: Content

List out the facts in 10-20 statements

Step 2: Divisions – Summarizing the Facts

Create 2-4 Division Statements to summarize the facts of the passage

Step 3: Subject Sentence

Use the facts to describe the entire passage in one sentence no more than 12 words long

Step 4: Heart

Consider all the facts to determine the heart of the passage. Write it in one sentence beginning with *“To cause the learner to...”*

Step 5: Specific Application Questions and Ponderings

Create questions and ponderings based on each division (step 2) to help you apply the passage to real life

ADDITIONAL STUDY STEPS FOR ENCOUNTER #3

Memorization Notes

So by now... I am sure you are on your way to memorizing Psalm 72:17-19... such great verses that are a rich backdrop to each encounter of Jesus that we are stepping closer to through this study.

And I know... you also get the idea of memorizing a section of the verses each week and then adding them on to what you have already hidden in your heart.

So, let's jump into this next section of these verses which make declaration of Jesus.

As we add on the next line, by the end of this week we want to be able to say all of this from memory:

"May His name endure forever;

May His name increase as long as the sun shines;

And let men bless themselves by Him;"



Take some time now to practice the new part and then add it to the rest. And make sure you are working your best plan to repeat them several times a day. Hopefully by now you have figured out the best way to practice which works for you. But if not, reach out and we will help you!

Now, consider these thoughts...

We often think of Jesus as One who blesses people. In the Gospels, we read account after account of His blessings. In fact, in the encounter we are studying this week, we saw Him incredibly bless Bartimaeus. No doubt, Jesus blessed the people way back then, and He blesses today as well.

And yet, this section we are memorizing this week turns it all around. Instead of Jesus blessing the people, it says, ***"And let men bless themselves by Him;"*** doesn't it? What's up with that? How can we bless ourselves?

You know, even though Jesus blessed Bartimaeus by stopping for him, calling him to come near and then ultimately restoring his sight, the blessing really started when Bartimaeus blessed himself by calling out in faith to Jesus! Think about it... he blessed himself by putting his faith in Jesus into action. When he called out to Jesus, Bartimaeus was calling out a blessing on himself. He could have continued to sit begging, but instead I believe he said to himself, "The Son of David is passing by, I want to get blessed by Him today!"

So, let's get up close and personal in this principle. No doubt about it, there are many times that Jesus will just dispense blessings our way. But I also believe sometimes we don't receive His blessings because we are sitting by the road in 'beggar mode' instead of stirring our faith to believe and act upon what we know to be true about Him. Bartimaeus knew that Jesus was the Son of David, the Messiah, so he positioned himself to receive blessing from the Messiah. And what a beautiful, wonderful, powerful blessing he received!

There are so many ways that we can do the same. The Bible tells us that every promise given to us by God is available to us in Jesus (see II Corinthians 1:20). So the availability is there. Bartimaeus needed sight and Jesus gave it. What do you need today? Bless yourself in the name of Jesus. This is not "name it and claim it" Christianity this is an up close and personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. The more I know Him, the more I can bless myself by Him!



My "Choice Question" For You

I also dug into Mark 10:46-52 using Bible Study 101. I have picked one of my questions for you to answer.

*If Jesus were to ask you, "What do you want me to do for you?" what would you say?
would you be able to humbly include the name "Rabboni" (Master) in your answer? why or why not?*

I Personally Call Him

After stepping up close to this miracle of Jesus healing blind Bartimaeus, are there any names or titles that you would now personally give Him? If so, record them here and write out a prayer to Jesus using it/them.

**Note: During the teaching time, I shared a title which I personally gave Jesus after stepping in closer to this encounter. As I saw Jesus stop for Bartimaeus, I called Him "The One Who Stops For Me". This is such an encouraging reminder to me about Jesus.*



BIBLE STUDY 101

Passage Luke 18:18-30 (Encounter #4)

Step 1: Content

List out the facts in 10-20 statements

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Step 2: Divisions – Summarizing the Facts

Create 2-4 Division Statements to summarize the facts of the passage

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Step 3: Subject Sentence

Use the facts to describe the entire passage in one sentence no more than 12 words long

Step 4: Heart

Consider all the facts to determine the heart of the passage. Write it in one sentence beginning with *“To cause the learner to...”*

Step 5: Specific Application Questions and Ponderings

Create questions and ponderings based on each division (step 2) to help you apply the passage to real life

ADDITIONAL STUDY STEPS FOR ENCOUNTER #4

Memorization Notes

So, you have been working out in memorizing this passage for several weeks now. You may not realize it, but this workout is making your memorization muscles stronger. Just like working out our physical bodies increases our physical strength, when we consistently give time to working out our memorization muscles, we get stronger in that way as well! This week we will add one more line, but next week you will see the amount we have to memorize increase. You are strong and I know you can do it!

So, let's add on the next line and by the end of this week have all of this hidden in our hearts...

"May His name endure forever;

May His name increase as long as the sun shines;

And let men bless themselves by Him;

Let all nations call Him blessed.

It's practice time... you know what to do!



Now, consider these thoughts...

I am often amazed at how Jesus' name has become known and blessed in nations all over the world. His life on the earth began in a humble little Bethlehem town stable, but now His name is widely blessed. And we know His wonderful, beautiful, powerful name will only continue to grow until one day, all nations will call Him blessed!

This is incredible because when Jesus ascended back into heaven after His resurrection, there was only a small number blessing His name then... so how has His beautiful, wonderful, powerful name become known among the nations? The answer to that question is this: many of His disciples down through the ages have followed His charge to spread His name to all the nations (Matthew 28:19-20). It started with a handful of His disciples sacrificing their lives and moving in the power of the Spirit to share Jesus with the nations. For instance, the apostle Thomas is known for taking the Gospel to India where he later was martyred for his faith.

So, it started with the original disciples, but down through the ages many believers have also followed the Spirit's lead in giving their lives to see the nations bless His name too! Yes, many have chosen to do this, but some have not. Some can't see beyond the scope of their personal desires to even think of anyone else. Think about Judas. And think about the rich ruler's encounter with Jesus that we have stepped up close to this week.

Now... think about yourself. See, it is one thing to pray a prayer like our verse this week, **"Let all the nations call Jesus blessed"**. It sounds great, doesn't it? And it feels great to pray prayers that would take the Gospel to the nations. But we must also realize that God wants to use us in answering those prayers.

O Lord, may we be willing to follow you in spreading Your name! O Lord, may we be wise enough to see past ourselves and our own desires. To see past the trappings of this world and see that You are always better. O Lord may we be willing to do whatever You ask of us to follow You and make your name blessed in all nations!



My "Choice Question" For You

I also dug into Luke 18:18-30 using Bible Study 101. This week I actually have two questions for you.

Because Jesus is "God Teacher" He can see what is hindering us from experiencing the kingdom of God. What would He say to you if you asked Him the same question as the ruler asked in verse 18?

And how would you respond to Him?

I Personally Call Him

After stepping up close to listen in on the conversation between the rich ruler and Jesus, are there any names or titles you would now personally give Him? If so, record them here and write out a prayer using it/them.

*Note: During the teaching, I shared the title "God Teacher" which I personally gave to Jesus after stepping in closer to this encounter. I know that Jesus is God, and He can see deep into my soul to reveal/teach me about what hinders me from His kingdom.



BIBLE STUDY 101

Passage John 2:13-17 (Encounter #5)

Step 1: Content

List out the facts in 10-20 statements

Step 2: Divisions – Summarizing the Facts

Create 2-4 Division Statements to summarize the facts of the passage

Step 3: Subject Sentence

Use the facts to describe the entire passage in one sentence no more than 12 words long

Step 4: Heart

Consider all the facts to determine the heart of the passage. Write it in one sentence beginning with “*To cause the learner to...*”

Step 5: Specific Application Questions and Ponderings

Create questions and ponderings based on each division (step 2) to help you apply the passage to real life

ADDITIONAL STUDY STEPS FOR ENCOUNTER #5

Memorization Notes

This is the week we are going to step it up... meaning this is the week we are going to add a bigger chunk of this passage on to what we have already memorized. But like I said last week, you have been building up those memorization muscles, you are stronger than when you started, so I know you can do it!

So, by the end of this week, our goal would be to be able to say this much from memory...

*"May His name endure forever;
 May His name increase as long as the sun shines;
 And let men bless themselves by Him;
 Let all nations call Him blessed.
 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone works wonders.
 And blessed be His glorious name forever;"*

Since there is a little more, it may take a little more practice.



Now, consider these thoughts...

Sometimes we can be so involved in all our doings that we don't even recognize the presence of God. I once heard a Christian leader say, "If Jesus showed up in some of our gatherings, He may not feel very welcome." Such was the case we saw in our encounter this week as Jesus went into the temple to celebrate Passover. The Passover was a work of wonder created by God so that the people of Israel could see Jesus. And yet, we stepped in close and saw religious leaders in the temple so involved in their selfish and polluted ways of celebrating Passover that they totally missed Jesus, the Lord God, the God of Israel, the God of Passover!

In fact, in Luke 19, right before one of the other accounts of Jesus cleansing the temple, we see Jesus weeping and saying, "... you missed the time of your visitation." (Luke 19:44)

Oh, how I want to recognize the presence of Jesus in my life. I don't want to miss Him. And I know you don't either. And yet, oh how we can also get so involved in our doings that we don't see the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone works wonders! Do you know what I mean?

I wonder sometimes, what if it had all been different? What if the religious leaders of the day had been so keenly aware of the prophecies of God concerning the Messiah, that their moments of celebration would have been purely anticipating His arrival. That when He walked into the temple, their hearts and practices would have been purely ready, and their eyes would have recognized His beauty, wonder and power. I wonder...

We can't go back and change any of what happened in the encounter we have stepped close to this week, that's for sure. But we can let it change us. Day after day, moment by moment, Jesus is present in our lives. Oh, that our temples are ready to receive His presence... that in His presence we would be found speaking out the words we are memorizing, ***"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, Who alone works wonders. And blessed be His glorious Name forever;"***



My "Choice Question" For You

I also studied John 2:13-17 using Bible Study 101. I have picked a section of my questions for you to answer.

As Jesus walks into the temple (your life), would He see anything He wants to drive out, pour out or turn over? How would doing so be an act of His love for you? How will you respond?

Multiple horizontal lines for writing an answer to the choice question.

I Personally Call Him

After stepping up close to this moment of Jesus cleansing the temple, are there any names or titles that you would now personally give Him? If so, record them here and write out a prayer to Jesus using it/them.

*Note: During the teaching time, I shared a title which I personally gave Jesus after stepping in closer to this encounter. As I saw Jesus being so passionate against sin, I called Him "Zealous Love". This name calls out to me in so many ways!

Multiple horizontal lines for writing names, titles, and prayers.



Memorization Notes

During our last session, we finished memorizing the last part of all three verses. Now they are hidden in your heart and I pray that God will bring them to mind often! Take a moment now to review them.



"May His name endure forever;

May His name increase as long as the sun shines;

And let men bless themselves by Him;

Let all nations call Him blessed.

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone works wonders.

And blessed be His glorious name forever;

And may the whole earth be filled with His glory.

Amen and Amen.

Now, consider these thoughts...

These verses were written as a prayer and now that we have memorized them, they can also be a prayer in our own hearts as well. As we "show up" for all that God has spoken to us in Christ, His name will endure in us; we won't be giving up on Him, but growing in our trust of Him... His presence will continue to increase, and we will find ourselves blessing ourselves by His beautiful, wonderful, powerful name!

We will also find that others around us will begin to seek Him out in deeper ways. Because, when we truly know Jesus and are "showing up" for all that His resurrection brings into our lives, others around us will see and desire to know Him too... the nations around us will call His name a blessing!

I pray that He alone who works wonders has worked a wonder in you through this study. And that in the coming days, His name may be even more glorious in your life and in the whole earth because you have spent this time getting up close and personal with Jesus. Amen and Amen, let it be so Lord, yes let it be so!

To conclude this study, write out a personal prayer to the Lord using these 3 verses as a backdrop.



MORE...

I don't know about you, but I am always sad when a book comes to an end, especially if it has been a rich Bible Study. So, it is always fun if I discover that there is more, and in this case there definitely is! So, let me take just a moment to describe to you what is included in the "More" of this study.

More Bible Study 101

You have learned how to use a great tool to get into God's Word, so I want to encourage you to keep using it! In the following pages, you will find multiple blank templates of Bible Study 101. Remember, this tool can be used on any passage. As we discussed in the study, it was really hard to pick just 6 encounters with Jesus; there are so many to choose from, and all are so rich with life. Maybe you have one or more that you wish we had included in the study. You can use these templates to now study them on your own. Below you will also find a list of scripture references for some additional Jesus encounters that I would personally recommend, as well as some additional chapters in scripture that I just love. Whatever passages you choose, the point is don't stop using Bible Study 101 to get into God's Word!

Jesus Encounters

Matthew 14:22-33

Mark 5:24-34

Mark 6:33-44

Luke 19:1-10

John 8:1-11

Chapters in Scripture (you can also access audio teachings on Established Footsteps iTunes podcast for each of these chapters)

Isaiah 61

Psalms 32

Hebrews 4

Deuteronomy 10

Proverbs 9

Psalms 27

Romans 8

Psalms 1

More to Memorize

Now that you have strengthened your memorization muscles, don't let them get weak again... pick out a passage to memorize and make a plan to do it! I find that dividing a passage up into weekly goals keeps me focused. And carrying around a copy with me gives me space to practice during idle moments. You can find many great memorization projects already broken out for you in this way on our website at www.establishedfootsteps.com/ef/memorize.html

More to Share

Perhaps someone invited you to join them for this Bible Study. Aren't you glad they did? Maybe your group should continue? I encourage you to consider that. Or perhaps there are people in your life who also need to step up close and personal with Jesus. You could create a group and lead them through what you experienced. The videos for this study will remain online for your use, and additional copies of this book can be obtained through Established Footsteps. So, you can lead a small group through this study at any time! I pray you will consider sharing in this way, to make His Name great and fill the earth with His glory!

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Contact us for a pdf at establishedfootsteps.com

JOIN US IN PARTNERSHIP!



What is a Partner?

God has called Established Footsteps to come alongside people to encourage them to love His Word and establish their daily life steps in its Truth. We seek to accomplish this mission in a variety of creative ways.

As a nonprofit, we rely upon the donations of God's people to carry out each way of ministry, so we invite individuals and churches to join us by becoming a consistent financial giver and continual prayer warrior for this mission. When people join us in this way, we call them partners!

Has God used this study to bless you? If so, would you prayerfully consider partnering with us? We are so thankful for partners who link arms with us in prayer and faithfully give a small or large amount each month.

As a partner, how would I know what to pray about?

We send out prayer emails several times a month to our prayer partners. These typically go out on Fridays.

Are my donations tax deductible?

Yes! Established Footsteps is a 501c3 organization and has operated with a high standard of integrity and financial accountability since its birth in 2006. Year-end donation receipts are mailed out each January.

How will my monthly partner gifts be used?

Partner gifts are such a blessing because they undergird our basic expenses and therefore set us free to focus on the assignments God has for us. Partner gifts are used specifically for the day to day operating expenses of ministry and specific ongoing ministry programs. Special events/projects often require additional fundraising.

Can I also serve with Established Footsteps?

Yes! We are continually seeking people to serve with Established Footsteps in a variety of ways. We find that partners serve best because they are already invested through prayer and financial generosity, so their heart is in tune for service.

How do I become a partner?

Becoming a partner is simple, but hugely impacting! To begin your partnership, choose one of the following:

- Connect with us at establishedfootsteps.com and let us know of your interest in becoming a partner. We will assist you in getting set up to receive our prayer emails and in setting up the best option for your giving. We can set up automatic monthly giving if you desire to give in that way.
- Send in your first monthly donation with a note to us that you would like to become a monthly partner. When we receive your gift, we will make sure you are included in our monthly prayer emails. Donations can be made online through PayPal or a credit card at establishedfootsteps.com or by mailing a check to **Established Footsteps Ministry PO Box 15575, Newport News, VA 23608.**

*Donations made with a credit card or through PayPal will incur a small fee for processing

Interested, but still have questions? Reach out to us at establishedfootsteps.com

PSALM 72:17-19

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Established Footsteps is a ministry born out of a heart to see Christian people walking in life and victory through the Word of God. It is possible! Founder, Bible teacher and author, Sharon Thomas, is dedicated to this mission. Believing Psalm 119:133 which says, "*Establish my footsteps in Your Word and do not let sin have power over me,*" Sharon has been personally seeking God to live this verse for over 20 years. In 2006 she followed God's call to come alongside people to encourage them in the same, and the ministry of Established Footsteps began. Sharon resides near the coast of VA with her husband Marvin, who works full time in the ministry of Established Footsteps as well. They have two adult children who are rich blessings from the Lord.