

## What is the Purpose of a Bible Study

### Grow

- Luke 19:10 Jesus' Purpose Statement "For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost."
- 1 Timothy 2:4 "who desires **all people** to be saved and come to the **knowledge of the truth**."
- All people - lost & the elect (elect are those people that respond to God)  
Knowledge of truth - means to be saved
- Col 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms & hymns & spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.  
Scripture should be in every aspect of a Believer's life & control every thought, word & Deed. Dwell in us means To live in us abundantly.
- Matthew 22:37-38 Connected to Christ The Great Commandment "And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart & with all your soul & with all your mind. This is the Greatest & 1st Commandment.  
**Heart, soul, mind** -- this reflects the completeness of the kind of love
- Matthew 22:39 Connected to One Another "And a 2nd is like it: You shall love your neighbor as your self.  
Great tool to measure your love for others by what you wish for ourselves

### Prepare

- Hebrews 5:12-14 "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principals  
of the oracles of God. You need **milk**, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteous, since he is a child.  
But **solid food** is for the mature, for those who have their powers of **discernment** trained by constant practice to **distinguish good from evil**."  
Every Believer is to be a teacher.  
Milk - knowledge without obedience does not advance a person  
Mature refers to completion that comes when one believes in Christ. Paul wrote 1 Corinthians 2:6 "that we may present everyone mature in Christ
- Ephesian 3:14-21 Receive Jesus "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to  
the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being. So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith -  
that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth & length & height & depth, & **to know the love  
of Christ** that surpasses knowledge, that **you may be filled with all the fullness of God**. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,  
according to the power at work within us to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.  
Strengthened with the power of the Inner Being - Spiritual power is a mark of every Christian who submits to God's word - study the word, understand it, & live by it.  
To Know The Love of Christ- this is a very special love. Not the love a Believer has in Christ but rather love from Christ that He places in our hearts so that we can fully love Him  
Totally dominated by the Lord. Believers can experience the greatness of God in our lives as a result of total devotion to Him.
- John 15:4-5 I surrender so Jesus works in me. "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.  
I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in Him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.  
Abide - remain or stay around. Means that salvation has already taken place and that the evidence of that salvation is to continue on with His teachings!
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.  
Training in righteousness - positive training in Godly behavior (this is a good thing). Competent means capable of doing what God called you to do.  
Reaching a man right where he is to help him become the man God designed him to be!

### Disciple

- 1 Thessalonians 2:8 "So being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God, but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us."  
Paul felt like a mother to the Thessalonians will to sacrifice himself for these children of God so they would be born again into God's family.
- 2 Timothy 2:1-2 "You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.  
Paul is telling Timothy to overcome his weaknesses and renew his commitment to his ministry.  
Faithful men have a job - pass on truths to another generation of Godly leaders. Spiritual reproduction will continue until Jesus returns!!
- Matthew 28:19-20 Connected to the Gospel The Great Commission "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit,  
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the ages."  
Jesus' time of humiliation was at an end, God exalted him above all. Jesus gave the disciples authority to make disciples of all nations. Expand the Kingdom. God will remain with us to the end of the age  
Jesus is speaking to everyone. Expand the Kingdom
- Matthew 9:37-38 Then He said the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest  
There will be harvest of damnation for those not in the harvest of plenty. Everyone attending a Bible Study has to, no option, become a laborer to expand the Kingdom. No room for complacency.
- Discipleship - helping someone grow spiritually in the context of a relationship. Spiritual parenting. Generational parenting.  
Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Benefit of relationships is that they develop keener minds and character. Accountability!
- Brit Nicole's Set The World on Fire  
What do you want to do  
Can I be the One to Use

**So if you haven't heard yet you are now fully aware that God's purpose for you is to be a disciple to the lost or new Believer. When - Now.**