

# Open My Eyes

## *A Study for Youth on Studying the Bible*

Treasures are not for the fainthearted, and Bible study is hard work. But prayer, careful reading, and meditation, combined with good Bible study skills produce a bountiful harvest of truth and understanding. *Open My Eyes* is a curriculum for senior high youth on how to study the Bible. It focuses on the different genres of biblical literature and the process of inductive Bible study, and provides opportunities to practice the skills of observation, interpretation, and application. The end goal is that students might understand God's Word as the biblical authors intended, and begin a life-long journey of learning to know and treasure God through studying and applying His Word to their everyday lives.



### Lesson 1: **Your Word is Truth: The Authority of the Bible**

*Memory Verse: Psalm 119:160*

The Sovereign God is the Author of the Bible; therefore, it is true and authoritative in all its parts.

### Lesson 2: **Open My Eyes: The Clarity of Scripture**

*Memory Verse: Psalm 119:18*

The Bible is a clear book that the Holy Spirit uses to enable ordinary people to know God.

### Lesson 3: **Able to Make You Wise: The Necessity and Sufficiency of Scripture**

*Memory Verses: 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

The Bible is necessary and sufficient for salvation, spiritual growth, and guidance.

### Lesson 4: **I Will Meditate: Studying the Bible**

*Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 2:15*

Both studying the Bible through the help of the Holy Spirit and meditating on memorized verses are crucial to understanding the truths of the Bible.

### Lesson 5: **These Are Written: Overview of God's Redemptive Plan**

*Memory Verse: John 20:31*

Understanding the connections between the Old and New Testaments and the continuous plan of God reveals Jesus, the central focus of the Bible.

### Lesson 6: **Observe: Questions**

*Memory Verse: Psalm 119:24*

Prayer and careful observation of the text through asking questions are critical to good Bible study.

### Lesson 7: **Observe: Historical Context**

*Memory Verse: Psalm 119:25*

Knowing the historical context is important in understanding a text.

### Lesson 8: **Observe: Immediate Literary Context (Part 1)**

*Memory Verse: Psalm 119:26*

Checking the context of a word, verse, or paragraph in the Bible is of critical importance, because failure to do so can lead to error.

### Lesson 9: **Observe: Immediate Literary Context (Part 2)**

*Memory Verse: Psalm 119:27*

To correctly interpret a Bible passage, the author's intended meaning must be understood through exploring the context.

**Lesson 10: In the Beginning: Old Testament Narratives***Memory Verses: Psalm 77:11-12*

Bible narratives reveal God's character, His purposes, and His involvement with man, and have been written for our instruction.

**Lesson 11: Observe: Grammar (Part 1)***Memory Verse: Psalm 119:28*

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**Lesson 12: Observe: Grammar (Part 2)***Memory Verse: Psalm 119:29*

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**Lesson 13: Hear, O Israel: The Law***Memory Verses: Deuteronomy 10:12-13*

The Law was a binding covenant between God and His people, which reveals His character and His will.

**Lesson 14: Observe: Literary Techniques***Memory Verse: Psalm 119:30*

Identifying the literary techniques of repetition, listing, and rhetorical questions in a passage helps us discern its meaning.

**Lesson 15: Observe: Figurative Language (Part 1)***Memory Verse: Psalm 119:31*

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**Lesson 16: Observe: Figurative Language (Part 2)***Memory Verse: Psalm 119:32*

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**Lesson 17: LORD, Our LORD: Biblical Poetry***Memory Verse: Exodus 15:2*

The Bible uses poetry to engage the heart because man was created not just to know God, but to love Him as well.

**Lesson 18: Seek Wisdom: Wisdom Books***Memory Verse: Proverbs 3:7*

In the wisdom books, the Bible reveals true wisdom through statements of general truth, and through the overall themes of the book.

**Lesson 19: Observe: Classification and Clauses***Memory Verses: Psalm 119:33*

Classifying statements can encourage application.

**Lesson 20: Observe: Connections***Memory Verses: Psalm 119:34*

Discovering the connections between thoughts can unlock the meaning of a text.

**Lesson 21: Observe: Logical Connections***Memory Verse: Psalm 119:35*

To correctly understand a passage, it is important to observe the connections, check the context, and follow the author's flow of thought.

**Lesson 22: Thus Says the Lord: Prophecy—Forthtelling***Memory Verse: Micah 7:18*

In the context of the immediate present, distant future, and far distant future, the prophets denounced sin and preached repentance, while always revealing a message of hope.

**Lesson 23: The End Shall Come: Prophecy—Foretelling***Memory Verse: Revelation 3:5*

Through apocalyptic literature reveals future events, it should be read looking for main ideas and the revelation of Jesus.

**Lesson 24: Broader Literary and Theological Context***Memory Verse: Psalm 119:36*

A passage must be understood in the broader contexts of its chapter and book, of the whole Bible, and of man's fallen condition and redemption.

**Lesson 25: Observe: Structure***Memory Verse: Psalm 119:37*

To understand the author's intent and flow of thought, it is important to observe the structure of the text.

**Lesson 26: Observe: Flow of Thought (Mapping)***Memory Verse: Psalm 119:38*

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**Lesson 27: Observe: Flow of Thought (Outlining)***Memory Verses: Psalm 119:39-40*

Outlining is a useful tool for understanding the author's flow of thought.

**Lesson 28: The Word Became Flesh: The Gospels***Memory Verse: Mark 5:19b*

The gospels reveal the person and redemptive work of Jesus through the point of view of each individual human author.

**Lesson 29: And He Told Them a Parable: Parables***Memory Verse: Luke 8:10*

Parables reveal one main spiritual truth to believers through the use of examples in the physical world.

**Lesson 30: Grace Be With You: Letters***Memory Verses: Jude 1:20-21*

The letters must be understood within their historical and literary context, and in combination with the rest of the Bible.

**Lesson 31: Interpret: Principles for Interpretation (Part 1)***Memory Verse: Psalm 25:5*

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**Lesson 32: Interpret: Principles for Interpretation (Part 2)***Memory Verse: Psalm 119:99*

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**Lesson 33: Interpret: Use the Bible to Interpret the Bible***Memory Verse: Psalm 119:125*

Scripture is the primary tool for interpreting Scripture.

**Lesson 34: Interpret: Discovering the Principles***Memory Verses: Colossians 1:9-10*

Biblical principles are deduced from Scripture and are applicable to all people in all cultures at all times.

**Lesson 35: Apply and Respond***Memory Verse: James 1:22*

Obedience to Scripture requires us to discover personal application to a text and to act in response to the application.

**Lesson 36: Strive, Lest You Fail to Enter***Memory Verse: Hebrews 4:7b or Hebrews 4:11*

The Word of God brings salvation when it is received in faith by those who are diligently striving to enter God's rest.

**Lesson 37: You Must Be Born Again***Memory Verse: Psalm 119:41 or John 3:3b*

Saving faith can only come as a result of the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing about new birth.

**Lesson 38: Presumption or Repentance?***Memory Verse: Romans 2:4*

God mercifully withholds judgement and extends His grace toward men to give them the opportunity to repent.

**Lesson 39: Remember Me***Memory Verse: John 6:37*

God is at work in the lives of those He effectually calls to bring them to salvation.

**Lesson 40: The Delight of My Heart***Memory Verse: Psalm 119:42 or Jeremiah 15:16*

God's words are sweet to those who have a close relationship with Him.

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