

MAKING DISCIPLES LESSON APPLICATION – Lesson 6



CHECK UP: Because you have been learning to implement many biblical principles, it may be encouraging for you to examine the changes that are occurring in your life.



WRITE: Use the following questions to identify what lessons you have applied from the past few weeks.

- Are you fully prepared to share the gospel of God’s grace with others?
- Are you consistently in a teachable position, willing to receive and apply truth to your heart and life?
- In what specific ways are you surrendering your life, daily, to the Lordship of Jesus Christ? (Be specific.)

- In what new ways are you becoming sanctified, setting yourself apart to the Lord? (Be specific.)

This week’s homework will focus on various ways to implement the truth of Scripture in everyday life. Since you will most likely be teaching these principles to those you are mentoring it will be valuable if each principle is modeled for them. Therefore, first establish and develop each principle in your own life. If these practices are new to you, rather than become discouraged or overwhelmed, persevere by asking God to equip and enable you to be successful in this training, trusting you will reap many benefits.

How to Study the Bible for Application



READ: 2 Timothy 3:16-17



ACTION: Practice studying the Bible for application by walking out the following steps:

1. Consider whether each of the following verses is trying to teach, rebuke, correct, or train.
2. Further consider and write out practical applications next to its corresponding verse.

Joshua 23:6-8

Psalm 89:1-2

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

To better consider biblical application in larger passages of Scripture, practice dividing them into smaller segments.

 **REMEMBER:** Application of biblical principles is individual and personal. Therefore, ask God to reveal to you what He wants you to learn.

 Study the Bible for application using the following method:

1. Choose a passage from below and initially divide it into smaller sections by theme.
2. Under each theme write out a pertinent application for each section, as the Holy Spirit leads, using either questions or statements.
3. Then, further use the questions and statements to consider and implement the changes that need to take place in your life, enabling you to walk in obedience to each individual lesson the passage presents.

 **FISHING FOR MEN:** For extra practice you may want to consider doing both chapters.

 **Romans, Chapter 8**

 **Colossians, Chapter 1**

✦ Another way to effectively study God’s Word for application is to personally identify with the characters involved.

1. Read the Scripture passages that follow.
2. Ask the Lord to reveal to you the lessons He would have you learn from the people in each story.

Daniel 1:8-16

Luke 1:26-38

Acts 8:26-38

The following method was not taught in class, but is yet another way to study the Bible for application.

 **Deuteronomy 11:26-28**

The Lord desires His best for His children, and His Word always reflects His best. In addition, God always blesses obedience. As a person studies Scripture, he can often identify God’s specific desired action for obedience and the blessing that will result from that obedience. In these verses God clearly associates obedience with blessing.

Because obedience precedes the blessings of God, it is valuable for His disciples to learn to recognize obedience, so when they act accordingly they can expect to receive God’s blessing. For this reason, further train yourself to identify both the desired act of obedience and the promised blessings resulting from obedience found in God’s Word. (God’s desired expectations for obedience are sometimes noted in Scripture by the word “if”. His promised blessings are, at times, identified following the word “then” in Scripture.)

✦ Use the Bible passages below to first identify a divine expectation, then the promised blessing as it applies today. (The first one has been completed as an example for you to follow.)

Deuteronomy 11:22-23 *If you carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow—to love the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways and to hold fast to him—then the Lord will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations larger and stronger than you.*

- **Divine Expectation/Choice:** Whether or not to carefully and intentionally observe each and every one of the Lord’s commands by walking in all His ways and holding fast to Him without wavering.
- **Promised Blessing:** Almighty God will go before me driving out all obstacles that are in the way of possessing what He desires for me to have.

2 Chronicles 7:14 *“...if my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”*

- **Divine Expectation/Choice:**

- **Promised Blessing:**

John 14:15-17a *“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth...”*

- **Divine Expectation/Choice:**

- **Promised Blessing:**

Romans 12:2 *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

- **Divine Expectation/Choice:**

- **Promised Blessing:**

Galatians 3:29 *If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

- **Divine Expectation/Choice:**

- **Promised Blessing:**

➡️ How would you explain to others the difference between merely studying the Bible and studying the Bible for application?

➡️ **Hebrews 4:12**

How would you explain to others that the Bible has the power to transform lives?

➡️ Application of truth always results in life transformation. Following God's directives, by faith, reflects the lifestyle of a genuine disciple.

➡️ **Psalms 19:7-11**

Identify and write down the words in these verses that describe the character of God's Word.

➡️ Now look at the passage again; this time identify and write down the many benefits of following God's Word.

➡️ In what practical ways will you encourage those you disciple to focus on the blessings that result from following God's instructions rather than the cost of doing so?

⚡ **TO ENCOURAGE:** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. (John 15:7)