

## **Growth Track**

### Module 3: How Do I Grow *Student's Notes*

## **Lesson Three - Studying The Word**

### **Key Takeaway**

You can study God's Word to know more of God and His nature.

### **Introduction**

1. God has revealed Himself and His ways in His Word and in studying the Bible, we can know Him more.
2. He has given us His Word so that we can know His heart and His ways and learn to trust Him.
3. As we take time to study the Bible, we receive His promises, our faith grows and we learn how to follow Him.

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 2 Timothy 3:16*

## **I. POSITIONING OURSELVES WELL HELPS US MAXIMISE BIBLE STUDY**

### **Start with the desire to understand God's Word.**

*When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. John 16:13(a)*

### **Be open and receptive to what we read.**

### **Invest regular time and energy to study God's Word.**

*Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15*

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## **II. PRINCIPLES OF STUDYING THE BIBLE**

### **Ask questions to uncover the purpose of the author.**

Language - What words did the author choose to use?

Context - What is the possible historical background of this passage?

People - Who is this book written for?

### **Research from reliable resources.**

Utilise resources to determine the author's meaning, e.g. dictionary and Bible translations. Additional resources are available on BibleGateway.com, BibleStudyTools.com, BlueLetterBible.org, BibleHub.com.

### **Summarise the key ideas of what is written.**

### **Apply the message to our personal lives.**

Write down some practical application points based on the message that was revealed in your study. Pray that God would help us to apply what we have read, and actually do what we learn!

## **III. PRAYER IS KEY TO RICH AND FULFILLING BIBLE STUDY**

### **Expect help from the Holy Spirit.**

### **Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to us through His Word.**

### **Ask the Holy Spirit for a deeper understanding of who God is.**

*...asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. Ephesians 1:17*

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### **Conclusion**

1. As we practise the skills to study the Bible, we will experience the joy of discovering not only God's truths, but more of God Himself!
2. We will also be able to enjoy sharing with others the truths which have special meaning to us.
3. Continue to study the passage given today and discuss with your assigned discipler how to further interpret and apply Jesus' message in our lives.