



Bible Studies for Life

Where Life Connects to God's Word

Life...

It's not easy.

Yet the Bible says we can have life to the fullest!

Life that's found in Jesus.

Millions of adults are searching for this kind of life. But they aren't sure how to find it. So we've been asking a question lately. Maybe you've been asking it too—about the adults you lead.

What if...?

What if your adults not only studied the Bible but connected its truths to their everyday decisions and actions? What if you could help them build godly values and character? What if you could put in their hands Bible study resources that equip them to live with God-given purpose?

Bible Studies for Life is a curriculum designed to make that dream a reality. Bible Studies for Life is ...

- ▶ **Biblically and theologically sound**—you can trust it
- ▶ **Systematic**—an intentional three-year plan so adults know where they're going
- ▶ **Foundational truths**—inspires adults to build godly values and character
- ▶ **Life focused**—equips adults to live with God-given purpose

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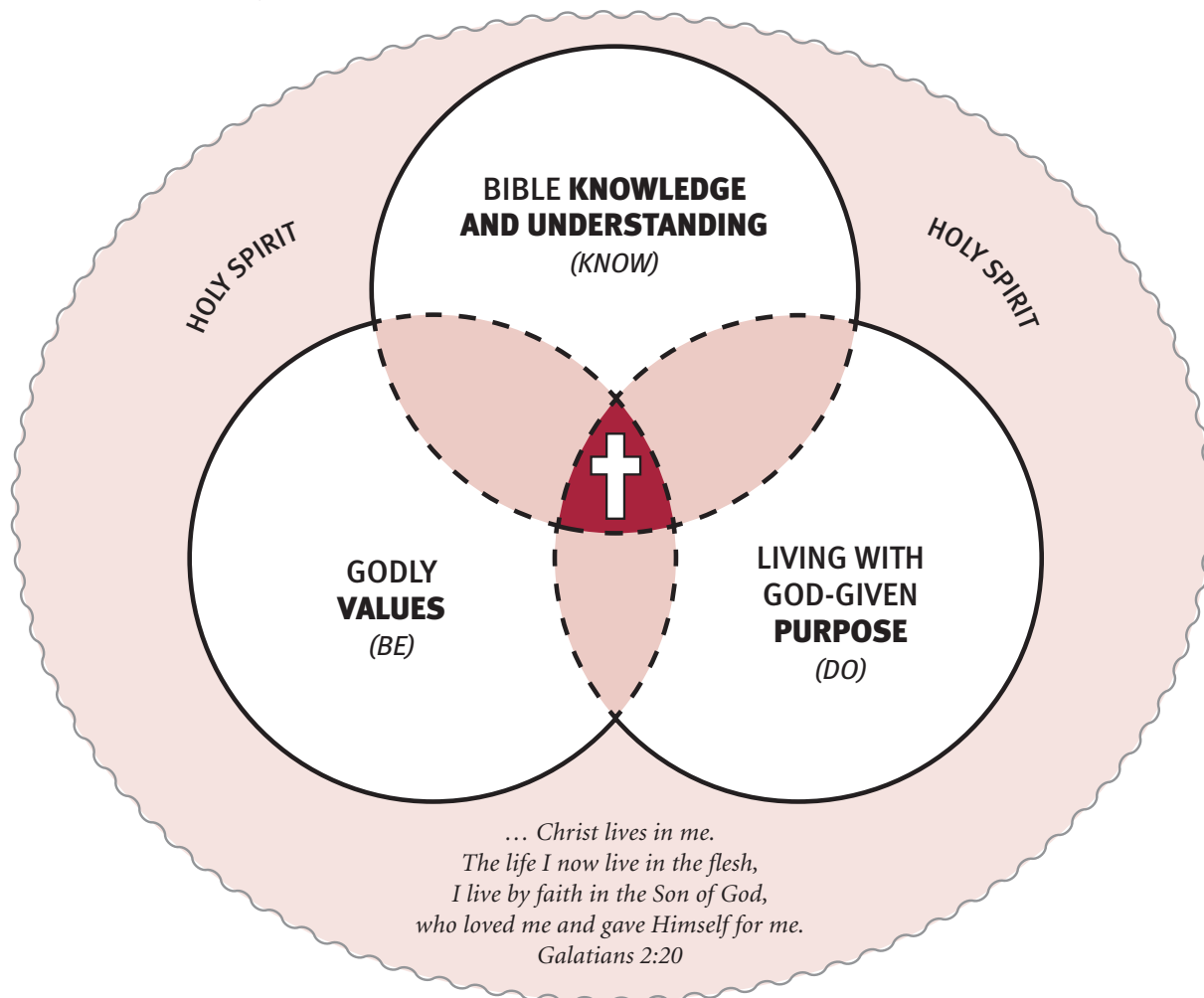
Bible Studies for Life curriculum is designed to help adults know, be, and do all God desires for them. The Bible is the essential handbook. God uses His Word to help adults

- ▶ Build Bible **knowledge and understanding**
- ▶ Develop Godly **values**
- ▶ Live with God-given **purpose**

Biblical Learning Model

Life-stage focused leader and learner resources are based on a comprehensive, biblical learning model. The goal of disciple making is spiritual transformation, which can be defined as *God's work of changing a believer into the likeness of Jesus by creating a new identity in Christ and by empowering a lifelong relationship of love, trust, and obedience to glorify God.*

Spiritual transformation is the work of the Holy Spirit and involves three crucial areas of life (see diagram). All LifeWay Bible studies—lessons and units—seek to address these areas biblically, purposefully, and practically. Over time as learners cooperate with the Holy Spirit, they build a biblical worldview out of which to think, decide, and act in Christlikeness. They develop the values of God who created them and loves them. They are able to face the challenging ups and downs of life at every stage and to live with God-given purpose.



Do I have a meaningful purpose in life?	DISCIPLESHIP AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE	CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP INVOLVES SELF-DENIAL, OBEDIENCE, PRAYER, WITNESSING, ACTING ON CHRISTIAN VIRTUES, AND REMAINING FAITHFUL. <i>The Christian life is a life of discipleship that involves self-denial, obedience to God's commands, vigilance in prayer, and authentic witness, cultivation of the mind of Christ, production of the fruit of the Spirit, progression in holiness, demonstration of Christian virtues, and perseverance in faithfulness.</i>
What's right and what's wrong? Who says so?	ETHICS AND MORALITY	GOD IS THE MORAL STANDARD BY WHICH ALL MORAL JUDGMENTS ARE MEASURED, REVEALED TO US THROUGH CONSCIENCE, SCRIPTURE, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. <i>God is a holy God. He is the moral standard by which all moral judgments are measured. God created human beings with a moral nature and has established moral absolutes. Human beings are moral agents who are morally responsible to God in terms of both personal and social moral obligations. God has revealed His moral standards through human conscience, Scripture, and the witness of the Holy Spirit. Thus human beings are responsible for abiding by creation ethics and Christian ethics.</i>
What's real? And how can I live wisely?	REASON AND FAITH	BECAUSE GOD IS INTELLIGENT AND ORDERLY, MUCH OF WHAT CAN BE KNOWN IS GAINED BY REASON, BUT FAITH LAYS HOLD OF A REALITY AND KNOWLEDGE THAT CANNOT BE SEEN. <i>Because God is intelligent and orderly, reality is fixed and knowable to human beings made in His image. Reality involves both material substance and non-material or spiritual substance. Much of what can be known is gained by reason, but faith lays hold of reality and knowledge that is not accessible to the senses.</i>
Why are evil, suffering, and death part of life?	REBELLION AND SIN	BECAUSE ALL HAVE SINNED, EVERYONE IS FALLEN AND LOST; THUS SIN HAS RESULTED IN ALIENATION, CONDEMNATION, ENSLAVEMENT, DEPRAVITY, AND DEATH. <i>All human beings have sinned against God. Because all have sinned, everyone is fallen and lost. Sin has resulted in alienation, condemnation, enslavement, depravity, and death. Creation itself suffers from the impact of sin and is, therefore, no longer as God created it.</i>
Where are time and history ultimately headed?	TIME AND ETERNITY	GOD WORKS WITHIN TIME TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSES. SOMEDAY JESUS WILL RETURN TO RAISE THE DEAD, JUDGE THE WORLD, PUNISH THE LOST, REWARD THE REDEEMED, AND ESTABLISH HIS ETERNAL KINGDOM. <i>God is not limited by time. He works within time to accomplish His purposes. Time is moving forward meaningfully and purposely because God is moving time, history, and creation toward a determined end. Someday Jesus will return in power and great glory to raise the dead, judge the world, punish the lost in a place called hell, reward the redeemed in heaven, establish His kingdom, renew heaven and earth, and consummate His redemptive mission.</i>

SEQUENCE—Adults want to know where they're going in Bible study. Bible Studies for Life curriculum offers a systematic three-year plan in which all the biblical concepts (and thus the life needs) are addressed at least once a year. Adults build on what they already know. But remember—the goal is spiritual transformation! At the end of each three-year sequence adults not only gain biblical understanding in each concept area but also develop godly values and learn to live each day with God-given purpose.

Bible Studies for Life is designed for Sunday School classes and other Bible study groups desiring ongoing, quarter-by-quarter study. Study units typically include four to eight lessons. An appropriate balance of Old Testament and New Testament passages are utilized, and evangelistic opportunities are included each quarter.

SEE CURRENT THREE-YEAR PLAN >>

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Three-Year Plan (Arranged by Sequence)

2007-2008

FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
<i>Living for Another World in This World</i> ▶ DANIEL 1-6	<i>The Savior of Christmas</i> ▶ NT PASSAGES	<i>Living 3:16 in a 9/11 World</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	<i>Extraordinary Wisdom for Everyday Living</i> ▶ PROVERBS
<i>Believer's Handbook</i> ▶ MATTHEW 5-7	<i>Breakthroughs in Trust</i> ▶ PSALMS	<i>Pioneers in the Covenant</i> ▶ GENESIS 12-36	<i>Living with the End in Mind</i> ▶ REVELATION
<i>Believer's Handbook (cont.)</i> ▶ MATTHEW 5-7	<i>Giving Away the Gospel</i> ▶ NT PASSAGES	<i>Unlock Your Best Relationships</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	<i>Life at Its Best</i> ▶ HEBREWS

2008-2009

FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
<i>Short Stories, Tall Orders</i> ▶ NT PARABLES	<i>A Heart for Missions</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	<i>Stepping Up to Serve</i> ▶ NEHEMIAH	<i>Certainties of the Christian Life</i> ▶ 1 JOHN
<i>This I Believe</i> ▶ ROMANS 1-11	<i>Do You Need a Fresh Start?</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	<i>Intersecting with the Gospel</i> ▶ NT PASSAGES	<i>God in Three Persons</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES
<i>Now That I Believe</i> ▶ ROMANS 12-16	<i>How to Pray with Power</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	<i>Profiles in Character</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	<i>Discovering God's Will for Your Life</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES

2009-2010

FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
<i>Who Is This Jesus?</i> ▶ MARK 1-10	<i>Celebrating Christmas In Song</i> ▶ NT PASSAGES	<i>Applied Christianity</i> ▶ 1 CORINTHIANS	<i>God's Still in Control</i> ▶ 1 SAMUEL 1-12
<i>Extreme Discipleship</i> ▶ MARK 11-16	<i>Wrestling with Life's Mysteries</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	<i>Empowered Service</i> ▶ 2 CORINTHIANS	<i>Becoming a Person After God's Heart</i> ▶ 1 SAMUEL 13-31
<i>Everyday Faith</i> ▶ JAMES	<i>Battle for Your Mind</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	<i>Marriage Matters</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	<i>When God's People Struggle</i> ▶ 2 SAMUEL

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Three-Year Plan (Arranged by Scope)

BIBLICAL CONCEPT	2007-2008		2008-2009		2009-2010	
	STUDY TITLE	STUDY DATE	STUDY TITLE	STUDY DATE	STUDY TITLE	STUDY DATE
GOD	<i>Breakthroughs in Trust</i> ▶ PSALMS	January 2008	<i>God in Three Persons</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	July 2009	<i>God's Still in Control</i> ▶ 1 SAMUEL 1-12	June 2010
JESUS	<i>The Savior of Christmas</i> ▶ NT PASSAGES	December 2007	<i>God in Three Persons</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	July 2009	<i>Who Is This Jesus?</i> ▶ MARK 1-10	September 2009
HOLY SPIRIT	<i>Living 3:16 in a 9/11 World</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	March 2008	<i>God in Three Persons</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	July 2009	<i>Becoming a Person After God's Heart</i> ▶ 1 SAMUEL 13-31	July 2010
REVELATION & AUTHORITY (BIBLE)	<i>Living 3:16 in a 9/11 World</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	March 2008	<i>Discovering God's Will for Your Life</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	August 2009	<i>Battle for Your Mind</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	February 2010
CREATION, SOVEREIGNTY, & PROVIDENCE	<i>Pioneers in the Covenant</i> ▶ GENESIS 12-36	April 2008	<i>Certainties of the Christian Life</i> ▶ 1 JOHN	June 2009	<i>God's Still in Control</i> ▶ 1 SAMUEL 1-12	June 2010
FAMILY	<i>Unlock Your Best Relationships</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	May 2008	<i>Profiles in Character</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	May 2009	<i>Marriage Matters</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	May 2010
COMMUNITY & WORLD	<i>Living for Another World in This World</i> ▶ DANIEL 1-6	September 2007	<i>A Heart for Missions</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	December 2008	<i>Empowered Service</i> ▶ 2 CORINTHIANS	April 2010
CHURCH & KINGDOM	<i>Believer's Handbook (2)</i> ▶ MATTHEW 6-7	November 2007	<i>Now That I Believe</i> ▶ ROMANS 12-16	November 2008	<i>Empowered Service</i> ▶ 2 CORINTHIANS	April 2010
HUMANITY (SELF)	<i>Life at Its Best</i> ▶ HEBREWS	August 2008	<i>Stepping Up to Serve</i> ▶ NEHEMIAH	March 2009	<i>Becoming a Person After God's Heart</i> ▶ 1 SAMUEL 13-31	July 2010
SALVATION	<i>The Savior of Christmas</i> ▶ NT PASSAGES	December 2007	<i>Intersecting with the Gospel</i> ▶ NT PASSAGES	April 2009	<i>Celebrating Christmas in Song</i> ▶ NT PASSAGES	December 2009
DISCIPLESHIP & THE CHRISTIAN LIFE	<i>Believer's Handbook (1)</i> ▶ MATTHEW 5	October 2007	<i>How to Pray with Power</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	February 2009	<i>Extreme Discipleship</i> ▶ MARK 11-16	October 2009
ETHICS & MORALITY	<i>Extraordinary Wisdom for Everyday Living</i> ▶ PROVERBS	June 2008	<i>Profiles in Character</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	May 2009	<i>Applied Christianity</i> ▶ 1 CORINTHIANS	March 2010
REASON & FAITH	<i>Giving Away the Gospel</i> ▶ NT PASSAGES	February 2008	<i>This I Believe</i> ▶ ROMANS 1-11	October 2008	<i>Everyday Faith</i> ▶ JAMES	November 2009
REBELLION & SIN	<i>Breakthroughs in Trust</i> ▶ PSALMS	January 2008	<i>Do You Need a Fresh Start?</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	January 2009	<i>When God's People Struggle</i> ▶ 2 SAMUEL	August 2010
TIME & ETERNITY	<i>Living with the End in Mind</i> ▶ REVELATION	July 2008	<i>Short Stories, Tall Orders</i> ▶ MATTHEW 18-25	September 2008	<i>Wrestling with Life's Mysteries</i> ▶ OT-NT PASSAGES	January 2010

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Bible Studies for Life provides life stage-focused resources to help organize classes and departments.

Bible Studies for Life resources are designed for:

- ▶ young adults
- ▶ parents
- ▶ empty nesters
- ▶ retired adults

Curriculum Choices

- ▶ Life Answers (for young adults)
- ▶ Life Truths (for parents of school-aged children and teens)
- ▶ Life Values (for the “empty nest” adults)
- ▶ Life Ventures (for retired adults)
- ▶ Life Words KJV (for adults of all ages)
- ▶ Life Lessons (for adults of all ages)

Bible Translation

- ▶ This curriculum uses Holman CSB® and KJV.

Supplemental Resources to add Biblical depth

- ▶ Advanced Bible Study Commentary
- ▶ The Herschel Hobbs Commentary
- ▶ The Illustrated Life of Jesus
- ▶ Biblical Illustrator
- ▶ Bible Studies for Life *Extra!* (online resource at www.lifeway.com/myextra)
- ▶ LifeWayLessons.com (online resource at www.lifewaylessons.com)