

Biographical Method - A Bible Study Worksheet

A Biographical Bible study traces the life of a person recorded in the Bible. This is useful for both encouragement from good examples and warnings from the bad examples - 1 Cor. 10:11

Step 1 - Choose the person to be studied and set the boundaries for the study. Write out the purpose / objective of the study. _____

Step 2 - Locate the references to be included in the study - Bible study aides such as topical Bibles, the Thompson Chain Reference Bible, and using an exhaustive concordance to look up the words related to the topic can help with this step.

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Step 3 On separate paper, make observations about the details of the life of the individual from the various Scripture references such as the following:

- Context of the verses,
- Who where they? What there they like - physically / character?
- What did they do / accomplish?
- When did they live
- Where did they live, where did they go
- Why did they do what they did? / Why did they fail?
- How where they able to do what they did?
- Questions / Problems you note or have about them / their life
- Possible Applications

Step 4

Write a brief sketch of the person's life _____

Step 5

List the strengths and weaknesses of the person. What made them a positive or negative

Strengths

Weakness

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Step 6

Choose a key verse for his/her life that summarizes their life / importance. Write a paragraph stating the reason the person is recorded in the scriptures - positive or negative.

Step 7

Choose from possible applications the one on which God would have you currently work

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Trace the historical / cultural background of the person - use Bible study aides, histories to help - Bible dictionaries, Bible encyclopedias, commentaries, regular encyclopedias, histories of the time period and cultures, etc.

Step 9

On a separate sheet of paper, write a couple of paragraphs on the person's philosophy of life / motivations / attitudes / objectives in life.

Step 10

Chart the person's life

Step 11

On a separate sheet of paper, Compare / contrast the individual with others in the Bible.