



# Journal

## Chapter 13: BIBLE STUDY

### Personal Study

Last week you examined the practice of prayer. Perhaps you were challenged to seek God's guidance and wisdom by communicating more frequently with him. This week before your group meeting, read *Believe, Chapter 13: Bible Study*. Then take some time to allow God to speak to you through this session.

### Read

*Read Believe, Chapter 13: Bible Study and answer the following questions.*

1. Describe the common patterns found in these verses.

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2. As you read this chapter, what questions came to your attention?

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3. What did you read that amazed you?

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Tested you? \_\_\_\_\_

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Motivated you? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. In what ways have you seen the Bible to be “alive and active” in your life or another’s?

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5. Describe a time when the Bible functioned as a trustworthy map that guided your decision making.

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6. Based on what you just read, make a list of reasons or motivations someone could have for studying the Bible. Which reasons are most compelling to you?

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7. Is there a difference between “reading” the Bible and “meditating” on it? If, so how are they different?

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### **Evaluate**

*Based on your reading from Believe, Chapter 13: Bible Study, evaluate your level of confidence in the statements below, using a 1–6 scale (1 = no confidence, 6 = complete certainty).*

\_\_\_\_\_ I read the Bible daily.

\_\_\_\_\_ I regularly study the Bible to find direction for my life.

\_\_\_\_\_ I seek to be obedient to God by applying the truth of the Bible to my life.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a good understanding of the contents of the Bible.

**Take Action**

*Memorizing Scripture is a valuable discipline for all believers to exercise. Spend a few minutes each day committing this week’s Key Verse to memory.*

**Key Verse:** “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to the dividing of soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)

*Recite this week’s Key Idea out loud. As you do, ask yourself, “Does my life reflect this statement?”*

**Key Idea:** I study the Bible to know God and his truth and to find direction for my daily life.

*Answer the following questions to help you apply this week’s Key Idea to your own life.*

1. How could this practice express itself in your life?

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2. What visible attributes can be found in someone who regularly engages in Bible study?

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3. What is impeding your ability to consistently engage in Bible study?

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How can you overcome these obstacles?

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