



GARNER CHURCH

PASSAGE _____

DATE _____

HIGHLIGHT

EXPLAIN

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HOW DO I USE THIS JOURNAL?

Each day, you will read the assigned passage. Using the HEAR Method discussed below, you will engage in God's Word and draw out a specific application to your spiritual life. Before reading the passage, spend time in prayer, asking God to reveal His Word to you.

Highlight. After reading through the passage, identify the verse(s) that stood out to you. Yes, sometimes you may feel the need to read through the passage multiple times, but your goal is to highlight a key verse or verses. In addition to highlighting, copy down the key verse(s) in your journal. Feel free to add additional notes identifying the passage.

Explain. After identifying your highlighted passage, we move into the key portion of Bible study. For a more in-depth method, you may also want to investigate the Abide Bible Study Method or the Inductive Bible Study Method. Each of these walk you through a systematic way of understanding the passage in front of you. Aside from these methods, ask the following questions about your passage:

- Why was the book written?
- Who were the recipients?
- What is the context?
- How does this verse fit in the paragraph? chapter? book?
- Are there any key words the author has been using?

Explaining or interpreting a passage takes a little bit of work. If you want to go further, start by purchasing a good Study Bible. From there you can move on to commentaries, word studies, or other Bible Study tools.

Application. Most people read passages thinking about application before explanation. Explanation asks, "What did the text mean then?" Application asks, "What does the text mean now?" Application takes the biblical truths from the passage and applies them to your life today.

Respond. As a result of reading God's Word, what is your action? God's Word leads us to respond, whether that be for Change, Worship, Thanksgiving, Praise, or many other responses. Write your response in the form of a prayer.

Your final portion of the journal involves prayer requests. You will find, over time, that you need more space for your requests and may consider purchasing a separate prayer journal. As you see God answering your prayers, go back in your journal and highlight them.



SAMPLE HEAR ENTRY

EPHESIANS 2

DATE 9/ 22 /2021

HIGHLIGHT

Ephesians 2:1-9 (verse 4)

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,”

EXPLAIN

Paul is writing to the church at Ephesus to build up their faith in God. In this passage, he emphasizes their fallen state (death) and the power of redemption. Verse 4 hinges these two concepts by emphasizing God’s role in salvation as it stems from His love and mercy.

APPLY

Understanding salvation as a byproduct of God’s love and mercy leads us to realize His sovereign ability to show mercy. Out of His great love, God provided life to the dying and mercy to the guilty.

RESPOND

Heavenly Father, forgive me for seeing salvation in light of my culture. Thank you for loving me even while I was a sinner. Help me today to see those around me who are dead in sin and love them through You!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Salvation Needs: Mike (from the gas station), Uncle Jim

Government: President and Governor

Personal: Help me see Your grace