

LEARNING STYLES AND BIBLE STUDY

These are simply examples and suggestions to add to your Bible study routine, matching inductive Bible study tools with VARK learning styles.

VISUAL

How To EXPLORE Scripture (OBSERVATION)

- Use colors and symbols to mark or highlight key words and phrases, info about writers and recipients.
- Create maps, draw story boards of action taking place in the Scripture.

How to PROCESS Scripture: (INTERPRETATION)

- Create flow charts to explain theological concepts.
- Draw diagrams to explain theological points and principles.

How to DO Scripture: (APPLICATION)

- Create a computer/phone wallpaper as a reminder of the commitments you've made as a result of your study time,
- Boil down diagrams and flow charts into creative bumper sticker phrases you can use as daily reminders of how to apply the truth you explored.



AUDITORY

How To EXPLORE Scripture (OBSERVATION)

- Explore Scripture with a study partner. Meet in person or via text/email.
- Use an audio Bible version to listen to Scripture.
- Create mnemonic tools to remember lists. (Example: in music, the treble clef is remembered as EGBDF with "Every Good Boy Does Fine") Scripture example: create a sentence using the first letter of each fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) to form the words of your sentence. Almost all NT letters contain a list like this.

How to PROCESS Scripture: (INTERPRETATION)

- Re-tell the Scripture as a story to a friend or as a post.
- Make audio notes to yourself using your phone's voice memo app.
- Discuss your observations with a friend or study partner.
- Record a voice memo of a passage, speaking it in your own words (your own paraphrase).

How to DO Scripture: (APPLICATION)

- Share your commitments with an accountability partner or a friend.
 - Create a playlist that reflects the truths/acts of obedience from your study time.
 - That mnemonic tool you created in your exploration of Scripture (example: list of fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23)? Send the exercise to your friends and ask them to create their own sentences.

READING/WRITING

How To EXPLORE Scripture (OBSERVATION)

- Use colors and symbols to mark in Scripture key words and phrases, info about writers and recipients.
- Make lists of words/phrases you have highlighted (for example: 1 John 4, after marking all references to "love" with a heart, look at your hearts and make a list of everything you learn about love).

How to PROCESS Scripture: (INTERPRETATION)

- Look at what you've noted/marked and re-tell it as a story.
- Out of your list (see the 1 John 4 example in the Observation stage above), pick out something that is challenging, convicting, encouraging; explain why (to yourself and to your friends).

How to DO Scripture: (APPLICATION)

- Create a takeaway phrase (bumper sticker) that reminds you of commitments you made as a result of your study time.

KINESTHETIC

How To EXPLORE Scripture (OBSERVATION)

- Use colors and symbols to mark or highlight key words and phrases, info about writers and recipients.
- Write all the commands or instructions in a passage on a small plastic megaphone.
- Create clay or Play-Doh models of what you see in Scripture.
- Write warnings on a plastic safety cone.
- Write promises on a beach ball (something to represent a rainbow).

How to PROCESS Scripture: (INTERPRETATION)

- Using the plastic megaphone from your Observation stage as an example: Take pictures with your smart phone of each instruction on the megaphone. Then take a walk and look at a picture of one of the instructions. Reflect on it. Meditate on it. Ask God to teach you more about it.

How to DO Scripture: (APPLICATION)

- Build a small altar out of Play-Doh that encourages you to follow through with the commitments you made as a result of your study time
- Find a small item you can affix to your backpack as a reminder of the commitments you made as a result of your study time (for example: tie a two-three prong adapter to a backpack hook as a reminder to trust the power of the Holy Spirit)

VARK LEARNING STYLES EXPLAINED

VISUAL

You prefer images, maps, charts, diagrams, flowcharts...ways to organize the information. Diagrams on whiteboards or in Prezi or Power-Point rock. You would appreciate the graphic in the middle of this page more than the other three learning styles.

AUDITORY

You may best understand new content through listening and speaking, lecture style situations and group discussions, listening to podcasts. You might like to think out loud about something. You may cater to repetition and mnemonic tools ("Every Good Boy Does Fine"). In fact, you might want to make a sentence or phrase out of the first letter of each of these learning styles: VARK



READING/WRITING

You love words! You prefer reading and note-taking; you're an avid reader; you like to journal, make lists, collect/use quotations. In fact, you may have been more drawn to the words and text on this sheet than to the graphic in the middle.

KINESTHETIC

You like tactile, hands on. You like to learn with your hands; you'd rather take a watch apart than have someone tell you how it works. You likely prefer real scenarios and video of REAL things showing you how something works. You might appreciate someone from each learning style telling or showing you how he or she learns.