

## **Expository Bible Study**

The expository method of Bible study seeks to present:

- a) Truths
  - b) concepts
  - c) principles that are taught by a Scripture passage.
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- It does not impose a meaning on a passage, but seeks a meaning from the passage.
  - The basis of true expository Bible study is a thorough "exegesis" of the passage.
  - Exegesis seeks to investigate the literal meaning of each word of Scripture.
  - The definition of each word is considered with its relationship to the other words in its context. ("context," refers to the verses before and after a verse and involves the environment, situation, and background in which you find a word or verse)

### **THE OBJECTIVES OF EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY**

The objectives are:

1. To teach how to study and correctly interpret the Scriptures.
2. To teach how to develop a lesson, devotional or sermon.
3. To become familiar with Bible study helps such as dictionaries, handbooks, and concordances.
4. To build confidence in one's ability to understand the Bible and to teach others.

### **The procedures of the method are:**

1. The primary activity will be personal study
2. Study passages of Scripture in detail to decide what they are saying.
3. Practical hands on use of Bible and Bible study helps will help build confidence.
4. Start a good Bible reference library.

### **Recommended Bible Study Helps:**

1. A Study or Reference Bible
2. A Bible Dictionary
3. A Bible Concordance
4. A Bible Handbook
5. Word Study Books.