

Topical Method - A Bible Study Worksheet

Topical Bible study traces a topic / theme throughout the Bible (or a portion of it) in order to understand what God says about a particular subject.

Step 1 - Choose the topic and 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 from the various Scripture references such as the following:

- Context of the verses
- Who, What, When, Where, Why, How?
- Key words - verbs, nouns, adjectives
- Linking words - and, but, so, therefore, if, etc.
- Grammatical insights
- Cause & Effect Statements
- Commands
- Questions / Problems
- Possible Applications

Step 4

One separate paper, write out the key thought / main idea of each reference verse

Step 5

Arrange verses into sub-categories related to main topic being studied

Step 6

Outline the sub-categories created in Step 5

