Bible Basics – Lesson 8 Workbook
How to Study the Bible

Action 1: Pray
1. Why do you think it’s important that we pray before we read the Bible?
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2. For what sorts of things should we pray?
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Action 2: Read
1. What do you think is the best way to read the Bible?
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2. Have any of you read the entire Bible yet? ______ Yes ______ No

Matthew 18:20
3. What does that verse mean?
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4. How do you know it means that?
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5. Do you see how taking one verse and picking it out of the ones around it can distort the meaning of the text?
______ Yes ______ No
Action 3: Ask

**Two questions you should always ask as you’re reading.**

- What does this passage mean? Always keep in mind the context of the passage.
- What does this passage mean to me? (Life Application)

1. How can you go about getting answers to baffling questions or help with understanding the meaning of difficult passages?

Homework:

- Continue to Memorize the books of the Old and New Testaments in the order they appear in the Bible. After you can do this, try to do it in less time. Saying them all in less than 30 seconds can be a real challenge.
- Choose a book of the Bible, and use the methods presented in this lesson to study it and meditate on it.
- Commit to making Bible study part of your regular routine and quiet time.