

## How to Use The Gospel Project for Adults Personal Study Guide

The Gospel Project is a weekly Bible study created by Lifeway that helps adults dive deep into the larger storyline of the Bible—namely, God’s plan to rescue His people through His Son, Jesus Christ. Every session shows how all Scripture leads us to Jesus. It is a chronological study that examines the uniting gospel story and essential truths of Scripture. Over a three-year period, the chronological storyline of the good news of Jesus Christ, from Genesis to Revelation, will help individuals and groups understand the full gospel story. Through the study, gospel-centered discipleship places our transformation on Jesus, not simply on moralistic thinking.

This video will show you how to get the most out of the Personal Study Guide. The Personal Study Guide is designed to be used during the week leading up to the group time, with activity and discussion during the group time as well. Personal study allows you to be equipped to have a thoughtful discussion time with your group. Individual and group study of Scripture are both important for spiritual growth. Also, if you happen to miss a group time, you will be able to learn that week’s lesson through your personal study guide.

Now, let’s look at the different elements found in each lesson.

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As you look at the first page of each session, you will see the title, the core passage, the context, and the key concept. The Context gives you the background surrounding the core passage to help you read the Scripture passages in its historical context, and the key concept helps direct your thoughts to the main ideas of the Scripture passage and lesson.

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The next page will have a timeline and a daily reading plan. The timeline will give you a visual perspective so you can place the Bible story in the larger context of the Bible’s storyline. The Daily Readings provide a way to read relevant texts on a daily basis to keep you consistent in your daily Bible reading. These Bible readings will help you mentally and spiritually prepare for the group experience each week while also building healthy Bible study habits for personal growth. Also included in the [weekly](#) Daily Reading is a psalm that will help you think worshipfully and prayerfully about the story’s place in the greater redemptive narrative of the Bible.

In your Personal Study Guide will also be a QR code for accessing the Bible translation of the core passage in CSB, ESV, or KJV. The core passage in the Personal Study Guide itself is in CSB.

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The next page will start your Personal Preparation. The core passage is divided into two parts, with two subtitles, commentary, and reflection questions. The subtitle will give you

a main idea that supports the key concept. The first part of the core passage will be laid out spaciouly so you can engage with Scripture effectively. A Bible study prompt will help you highlight, underline, or jot notes to help you study the words of Scripture well and to provoke discussion with your group on the following Sunday. Feel free to do more than the prompt, learning to inductively study Scripture by highlighting key words or seeing repetition, parallels, contrasts, or other connections in the passage.

Occasionally, there will be a box with a Christ Connection, Gospel Connection, Theology Connection, and/or Church Connection. These added texts will help you connect the Scripture passage with Christ or His Gospel, a theological doctrine, or how that passage is relevant to church life.

There will also be occasional Voices from Church History or from the Church boxes, highlighting relevant quotes from thought leaders in the church, past and present, that pertain to the lesson.

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The key concept will always be at the top of the spread to remind you of the main point of the lesson for that week. The brief commentary provides insight to the lesson, and thought-provoking questions will help you dig deeper into the text and reflect on what the text teaches you about God and yourself. Space is provided for you to write your answers or additional notes.

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The second portion of the core passage will be laid out in the same way as the first, with a second subtitle supporting the key concept, the second portion of Scripture, again, laid out spaciouly for your notes, a brief commentary, and questions to answer and reflect on.

You have the full week to work on your personal preparation, so whether you prefer to break it up into parts or do it all in one day, the flexibility is there for your schedule.

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The Group Experience pages for each session include an activity and interactive questions designed to make the most of your group experience. Depending on your leader, he or she may have you do the activity on your own before doing it together as a group, or your leader may want you to wait until group time. Either way, the personal prep you've put into the days leading up to your group time will provide a richer discussion when you meet as a group.

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At the conclusion of your group time, the Head, Heart, and Hands questions will help you consider how to apply the day's Scripture lesson. Your leader will guide you through these questions, and space is provided to write down any answers or thoughts you may have. Then your leader will guide you through reading and praying a designated psalm

or remind you to do so by yourself during the coming week. And finally, space is provided to record prayer requests and praises as you wrap up your group time.

Our hope is that the Personal Study Guide for The Gospel Project for Adults will help you and your group see how Scripture points to Christ from the Old Testament to the New, seeing God's redemptive plan being played out throughout history for His glory and our good because of His gracious love toward us.

If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to email us. You can find our emails in the front of the Personal Study Guide where all the legal notices are listed. For further information about The Gospel Project, go to [gospelproject.com](http://gospelproject.com).