

How to Use TGP Commentary as a 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 centers our transformation on Jesus, not simply on moralistic thinking.

This video will show you how to get the most out of the Commentary if you plan to use it as an alternative to the personal study guide. Why would someone do this? Your leader and your group may want to use the Commentary as a personal study guide for a more in-depth study of the Scripture passages in the lessons provided. Your group may be more knowledgeable and seasoned and may want to delve deeper into the nuances of Scripture as you explore how Scripture points to Christ throughout the Bible. |

In this scenario, leaders may choose to use the Commentary because it is also easier to read with a larger font than the Personal Study Guide. Like the Personal Study Guide, if used in this way, the Commentary is designed to be used before the group time and then during the group time. The idea behind it is that we want you to learn through personal study beforehand to be equipped to have a thoughtful discussion time with your group. Also, if you happen to miss a group time, you will be able to study that week’s lesson.

Now, let’s look at the different elements found in the Commentary if used as a personal study guide.

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As you look at the first page, you will see the title, the core passage used, 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.

A daily reading plan is included as well, providing 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 Daily Reading is a weekly psalm reading to help you think worshipfully and prayerfully about the story’s place in the greater redemptive narrative of the Bible.

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The lesson will be divided into two parts: the first section of the core passage and then a second. Each section of the core passage will start with a subtitle that supports the key

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concept. The selected Scripture will be available in CSB. Then an in-depth commentary will be provided with more subpoints.

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

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The key concept will always be at the top of the spread, on the top right page, to remind you of the main point of the lesson for that week to keep you focused.

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Thought-provoking questions will help you dig deeper into the text and reflect on what the text teaches you about God and yourself.

Occasional Voices from Church History or from the Church may also appear on the side, providing quotes that give insight to the passage from Christian thought leaders, past and present.

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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 the Scripture passage, extensive commentary, and questions to answer and reflect on.

You have the full week to work on your personal study time, 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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At the conclusion of the study and your group time, the Head, Heart, and Hands application questions will help you consider how to apply the day's Scripture lesson. Your leader will guide you through these questions. If your leader ends with a time of prayer and praise, space in the margins is provided to record prayer requests and praises as the group time wraps up.

Our hope is that the Commentary for The Gospel Project for Adults, if used as a personal study guide, will help you and your group study Scripture more thoroughly as you discover 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.

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