

6TH GRADE FOUNDATIONS

The Bible: Part 2

OVERVIEW

Last week you discovered the Big 3 of the Bible, which are the inspiration, the inerrancy, and the authority of the Bible. These all matter because we then can best interpret and apply the Bible to our every day lives. In *The Bible: Part 1*, we finished with the SOAP model of studying the Bible. The Bible was meant to be understood and interpreted by followers of Jesus. The way to experience Scripture fully is through the Illumination of the Holy Spirit and good tools to study.

ON YOUR OWN

Read the quote and explain what it means to you in the box below.

“The written Word, correctly interpreted, is the objective basis of authority. The inward illuminating and persuading work of the Holy Spirit is the subjective dimension.”¹

LARGE GROUP

1. Interpretation

- Exegesis: what the Bible says changes my understanding

¹ Erickson, Millard J. (2001). *Introducing Christian Doctrine*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Publishing, p. 80

- Eisegesis (all about I): my understanding changes what the Bible says
- CONTEXT, CONTEXT, CONTEXT
 - Historical
 - Cultural
 - Textual

2. Illumination

- The Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:16-18)
 - Gives Understand (2 Corinthians 3:16-18)
 - Imparts Wisdom (Colossians 1:9)
 - Teaches (John 14:6)
 - Convicts: (John 16:8)
 - Guides: (John 16:13)
- Illumination happens through an open heart and open hands toward God.

TAG TIME

Invite God, the Holy Spirit, to help illuminate your mind with His Word. Write the prayer below:

Read 1 John 1:8-10, 2:1-2

What are some **observations**? (key words, phrases, important ideas, questions, other verses that might relate, people, concepts, etc.)

What do these verses mean to you? How do they **apply** to you?

Take time to **pray** and write out a prayer. Whatever you need to talk to God about—He actually wants to hear from you!

GO DEEPER

As a Small Group, talk through each area and share with each other. Talk about how you applied these verses.

TAKE IT HOME

Have you made it a habit to read the Bible every day? What do you need to do to make this a regular part of your day? *Read Psalm 1:1-2*, a blessed man or woman is someone who chooses to make God's Word a regular part of their life. Write down a goal you have about getting more involved with the Bible. **Talk to a parent about this goal and ask them to hold you accountable.** Maybe they can do it with you?