

## Disciple's Journey Bible Study

<https://disciples-journey.captivate.fm/>

**Overview:** The Bible is full of stories about ordinary people doing extraordinary things! This Bible study series has something for everyone, from new believers to seasoned ministers with decades of experience. We equip Christian disciples with a firm foundation of Biblical instruction on the path to deeper spiritual maturity and faith in-action! We help make sense of God's Word by providing simple explanations of difficult passages and concepts through examples from history, archeology, ancient cultures, Biblical languages, and more!

### Approach:

- One Biblical book at a time, 1-2 chapters per week
- Fun and interactive
- Comprehensive
- Jump-in any time!

### For each passage, we ask the following questions:

1. Who wrote it (specifically and generally)?
2. Who was the audience (specifically and generally)?
3. Why was it written?
4. *How can it transform me?*

### What this class is NOT:

- College lectures
- Excessive theological debates or arguments
- Instruction for the sake of knowledge
- Esoteric deep-dives or side-tangents

### Some Helpful Resources

- **Basics**
  - Christian Basics Bible NLT (Excellent!)
  - ESV Study Bible
  - MacArthur Study Bible/App
  - Faithlife Study Bible/App
  - The Case for Christ – Lee Strobel
  - The Case for Faith – Lee Strobel
  - Mere Christianity – C.S. Lewis
  - Halley's Bible Handbook – Henry Halley
  - NIV Compact Bible Commentary – John Sailhamer
  - The Genesis Record – Henry Morris
  - Biblehub.com

- **Intermediate**
  - ESV Archeology Study Bible
  - NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible
  - What if Jesus was Serious? – Skye Jethani
  - The Popular Handbook of Archaeology and the Bible – Joseph Holden
  - The Stones Cry Out: What Archaeology Reveals About the Truth of the Bible – Randall Price
  - A Short History of the Early Church – Harry Boer
  - The Screwtape Letters – C.S. Lewis
  - Q, the Earliest Gospel – John Kloppenborg
  - The New Testament and the People of God – N.T. Wright
  - When God Builds a Church – Bob Russell
  - Wild at Heart Revised and Updated: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul – John Eldredge
  - Anything by Ray Vander Laan
  - BlueLetterBible.org (including simple translations of root Hebrew/Greek/Aramaic words)
- **Advanced**
  - Christianity: A Social and Cultural History – Howard Clark Kee
  - The Bible in Translation – Bruce Metzger
  - On the Reliability of the Old Testament – Ken Kitchen
  - The Early Church – Henry Chadwick
  - Learning Theology with the Church Fathers – Chris Hall
  - Community of the New Age: Studies in Mark's Gospel – Howard Clark Kee
  - Basics of Biblical Greek Grammar – Bill Mounce
  - Novum Testamentum Graece (Greek Edition) - Nestle-Aland
  - Septuaginta (Greek Edition) – Alfred Rahlfs
- **Elders**
  - Biblical Eldership: An Urgent Call to Restore Biblical Church Leadership – Alexander Strauch
  - Elders: A Practical Guide to New Testament Leadership – Jack Coffee
  - They Smell Like Sheep: Spiritual Leadership for the 21st Century – Lynn Anderson

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- **Other Topics (Not our core beliefs but important for understanding the rise of Christianity)**
  - The Didache: The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles – Joseph Owles
  - Catechism of the Catholic Church – Pope John Paul II
  - The Catholic Study Bible – Senior, Collins & Getty
  - An Introduction to the Apocrypha – Bruce Metzger
  - The Jewish Study Bible – Berlin & Brettler
  - The Nag Hammadi Scriptures (Gnostic Texts) – Mayer et al.
  - The Greek Magical Papyri in Translation – Hans Betz
  - The Infancy Gospels of James and Thomas - Ron Hoch
  - Medicine, Miracle and Magic in New Testament Times – Howard Clark Kee
  - The History of Ancient Rome (audiobook) – Garrett Fagan