

# HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

THE DIRECT BIBLE STUDY METHOD  
WITH OSCAR EVANS



# Observation



# Investigative Question 1: Who?

THE WHO QUESTION ASKS  
ABOUT THE PEOPLE IN  
OR BEHIND THE TEXT.

THE WHAT  
QUESTION ASKS  
ABOUT THE  
IDENTIFICATION OR  
DEFINITION OF  
SOME MATTER IN  
THE TEXT.

# Investigative Question 2: What?

# Investigative Question 3: When?



THE WHEN QUESTION  
RELATES TO TIME.



HISTORICAL EVENTS  
OR CIRCUMSTANCES.



WHAT TIME OF THE  
DAY.

## Investigative Question 4: Where?



THE WHERE QUESTION  
INQUIRES ABOUT LOCATION.



WHERE ARE THEY WHEN THIS  
STORY TAKES PLACE.

# Investigative Question 5: Why?

THE WHY QUESTION ASKS ABOUT THE REASONS OR CAUSES FOR A CONDITION, ACTION OR ASSERTION.

# Context Principle

**Keep the writer's point of view  
in the forefront.**

**“...For even the Son of Man came  
not to be served  
but  
to serve others  
and to give his life  
as a ransom for many.”  
(Mark 10:45)**



# Jesus Calls Levi (Matthew)

Mark 2:13-17

13 Once again  
Jesus went out beside the lake.  
A large crowd came to him,  
and he began to teach them.

14 As he walked along,  
he saw Levi, son of Alphaeus,  
sitting at the tax collector's booth.  
“Follow me,” Jesus told him,  
and Levi got up and followed him.

# Jesus Calls Levi (Matthew)

Mark 2:13-17

15 While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.

16 When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

# Jesus Calls Levi (Matthew)

Mark 2:13-17

17 On hearing this,  
Jesus said to them,  
“It is not the healthy  
who need a doctor, but the sick.  
I have not come to call the righteous,  
but sinners.”

# PHARISEES

Law

Interpretations of the Torah

Middle Class

Resurrection of the Dead

Belief in Afterlife

Rejected the Jewish Leaders



# SADDUCEES

Temple

Torah Alone

Upper Class

No Resurrection

No Afterlife

Supported Jewish Leaders



# Direct Bible Study

PHASE - 2 INTERPRETATION

# Interpretive Questions

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- ▶ What does this text teach me about God?
- ▶ What does this text teach me about Jesus Christ?
- ▶ What does this text teach me about sinful humanity?

# **Interpretive Questions**

**What does God want me to know?**

**What does God want me to do?**