

Women of the Word

How to Study the Bible with
both Our Hearts and Our Minds

Bible Literacy Quiz by Jen Wilkin

11. How many people were saved on the ark?
12. Who said to whom, “Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart”?
13. Who commanded the sun and moon to stand still?
14. Which of Jesus’s miracles is recorded in all four Gospels?
15. What is the other name for Mount Horeb?
16. What were the names of the mother and grandmother of Jacob?
17. Which two men were recorded as having never died?
18. Who made the Golden Calf?
19. Which disciple found a coin in the mouth of a fish?

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1. Name the First 3 Israelite Kings:
2. Where did Jesus grow up?
3. Who moved from Ur to a country he did not know?
4. What were the occupations of Cain and Abel?
5. Who prophesied, “Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given”?
6. How many books are in the Bible? In the Old Testament? In the New Testament?
7. How many years of famine did Joseph prophesy to Pharaoh?
8. What is the name of Jacob’s youngest son?
9. What is Noah’s first act when he emerges from the ark?
10. Who are the sons of Zebedee?

The Mountain We Face



“It has been said that we become what we behold. I believe there is nothing more transformative to our lives than beholding God in his Word. After all, how can we conform to the image of a God we have not beheld?”

-Jen Wilkin

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But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:12-17

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has **shone in our hearts** to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians

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Turnaround 1: Let the Bible Speak

The Bible is a Book about God

“The Bible is for you and it is for now. But it is not about you-- it is about God! It is about His steadfast love for His people. It is about His sovereign plan, His grace, and His glory, and you are meant to read it.”

- Amanda Williams

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“We open our Bibles because God’s Word is living and active, given to us for our salvation and sanctification, for our comfort and joy. We open our Bibles because Jesus, the Living Word in the flesh, is there in its pages” -Amanda

Williams

Turnaround 1: Let the Bible Speak

Knowledge of God & Knowledge of Self Go Hand-in-Hand

“There can be no true knowledge of self without knowledge of God. He is the only reference point that is reliable.” - Jen Wilkin

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What does this passage teach me about God?

Luke 15:11–32

How does the meaning and application change when you see God, rather than yourself, as the focus of the parable?

When our Faith is Based on our Feelings



Turnaround 2: Let the Mind Transform the Heart

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your **mind** and with all your strength.

Mark 12:30

“The heart cannot love
what the mind does not know”

- Jen Wilkin

The heart is deceitful above all things, and
desperately sick; who can understand it?

Jeremiah 17:9

For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder,
adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness,
slander.

Matthew 15:19

Turnaround 2: Let the Mind Transform the Heart

You keep him in perfect peace whose **mind** is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

Isaiah 26:3

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Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

The Path to Transformation: Mind → Heart

Inductive Bible Study - An investigative way to study the Bible to gain overall understanding of a passage--what it says, what is meant to its original audience and what it means today. It uses three steps of observation, interpretation and application.

Hermeneutics - The method of how to interpret the Bible.

Exegesis - Drawing out or exposing the author's intended meaning of a biblical text.

To Do This Week

In your daily Bible reading **ask** the question:
What does this passage teach me about God?

Read Chapter 2 + Chapter 3

Answer the Study Guide Questions for Chapters 2 + 3

Group Guidelines

- Let Different People Answer
- Stay on Topic
- Listen

Discuss

Introductions (name & how you got here)

Intro Questions 1, 3, 5

Chapter 1 Questions 2, 4, 6

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