

how to apply scripture in a small group context

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Practical Application = Going from **theory** to **practice**

John 14:21; 1 John 2:15-17

The goal is to **know God**... Jer. 9:23-24

...and to **be known by God**. Matt. 7:21-23

“Christians don’t need to get into the Bible more, they need to get more of the Bible into them.”

Is there a(n)...?

Attitude to be changed

Phil. 2:14 Do everything without complaining or arguing,

Sin to confess or forsake

1 John 1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Action to take or avoid

Is. 40:31 But those who wait on the LORD will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

1 Thess. 5:16-18 Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Example to follow

Joseph – confidence

Ruth – trust

Jesus – forgiveness

Rahab – second chance

Promise to claim

Rom. 8:37-39 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.