

Bible Study
for
Dummies
the Rest of Us

A "How to" Guide
for Reading the
New Testament

A cartoon character with spiky hair, a wide grin, and a speech bubble that says "I can do this!". The character is pointing upwards with their right hand.

All Communication
is Structured

Think "Big Picture"
First, Look at the Forest
Then... we can examine
the trees, rocks, bushes,
etc.

Survey of Book as a Whole

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2. book together into a logical unit.
 - Each structure will have a question directly tied to it
 - Each structure will have a key passage associated with it. That's where you will invest your time in study

Structures

1. RECURRENCE

The repetition of the same or similar terms, phrases, or other elements.

2. CONTRAST

The association of things whose differences are stressed by the writer.

Key terms: But, however.

Structures

3. COMPARISON

Association of things whose similarities (likenesses) are stressed by the writer.

Key terms: Like, as.

4. CLIMAX

Movement from lesser to greater, toward a high point of culmination and intensity.

5. Pivot

The device of the pivot to produce a radical reversal or complete change or direction.

Structures

6. PARTICULARIZATION

The movement from the general to the particular.

7. GENERALIZATION

The movement from particular to general.

8. CAUSATION

The movement from cause to effect.

Key terms: Therefore, consequently.

9. SUBSTANTIATION

The movement from effect to cause.

Key terms: For, because, since.

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10. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The movement from means to end; a statement that declares the end, or purpose, and the means whereby the end is achieved.

Key terms: In order that, so that.

11. INTRODUCTION

The background or setting for events or ideas.

12. SUMMARIZATION

An abridgment (summing up) either preceding or following a unit of material. (Sometimes very similar to a general statement, but contains more specifics than a general statement.)

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13. PROBLEM-SOLUTION or QUESTION-ANSWER

A problem or question, followed by its solution or answer.






