


**Bible Study for January 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**

There are three important components of effective Bible study. These three parts are observation, interpretation, and application.

**Observation** answers the question: “What does the passage say?” Because observation is discovering what the passage is saying, it requires time and practice.

**Interpretation** answers the question: “What does the passage mean?” Interpretation is not necessarily a separate step from observation, for often, as you carefully observe the text, at that very moment you begin to see what it means. Thus, interpretation flows out of observation.

**Application** answers the question: “How does the meaning of this passage apply to me?” Once you know what a passage means, you are not only responsible for putting it into practice in your own life, but accountable if you don’t! Ultimately, then, the goal of personal Bible study is a transformed life and a deep and abiding relationship with Jesus Christ.



“BUT BE DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT HEARERS ONLY, DECEIVING YOURSELVES. FOR IF ANYONE IS A HEARER OF THE WORD AND NOT A DOER, HE IS LIKE A MAN WHO LOOKS INTENTLY AT HIS NATURAL FACE IN A MIRROR. FOR HE LOOKS AT HIMSELF AND GOES AWAY AND AT ONCE FORGETS WHAT HE WAS LIKE. BUT THE ONE WHO LOOKS INTO THE PERFECT LAW, THE LAW OF LIBERTY, AND PERSEVERES, BEING NO HEARER WHO FORGETS BUT A DOER WHO ACTS, HE WILL BE BLESSED IN HIS DOING.”

JAMES 1:22-25

Weekly Bible studies meet each Tuesday and Thursday in Capitol Annex Room 436 from 11:30 am till noon. *Same study both days.*