



LiveSTRONG 2: Dare to Change Your Life
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Luke 2:41-52, page 781

_____—*I am nourished on a regular basis by reading and studying God's Word.*

1. *What sort of questions does he ask people?*
2. *What sort of questions do people ask him?*
3. *What seems important to Jesus?*
4. *What is Jesus inviting me to be and do?*

_____—*I have a growing desire to surrender to God's authority in all areas of my life.*

• _____ is _____ that God's
_____ are good for us.

_____ + _____ = _____

Digging Deeper

1. Choose one of the following openers:
 - Start with a check-in by sharing a high point and low point from your week.
 - Describe your experience with spiritual exercises in the past week.
2. What is your first reaction to the words "submission" and "study"?
3. Read Luke 2:41-52. How does Jesus' example help you reframe "submission" and "study"?
 - See also for submission: Philippians 2:5-11; Ephesians 5:21
 - See also for study: Psalm 1:1-3; Colossians 3:16
4. What does it take to be a good listener? How does that relate to this week's practices?
5. What resources and experiences have helped most in your understanding of the Bible?
6. What will you do this week to grow in your love for God and others?

How to Study the Bible

A. Artist Method. Read a passage of Scripture, considering three questions as you read:

1. What speaks to your heart? Draw a heart beside what moves you.
2. What new thought or idea comes to me? Draw a light bulb beside the new thought.
3. What does Scripture move me to do? Draw a hand beside the action you want to take.

B. Detective Method. Read a short narrative passage from one of the Gospels. Let the story take shape in your mind's eye.

1. Observe the facts asking who, when, where, and what questions.
2. Interpret the facts asking why and wherefore questions of the characters and you.
3. Apply your study to your life asking how this will change your life.

C. Treasure-seeker Method. As you read consider the following application questions:

1. Is there an example here for me to follow?
2. Is there a promise to claim or a command to obey?
3. Is there a truth to be applied?
4. Is there a prayer for me to pray?
5. Is there a sin to be confessed?
6. Is there a question God is asking me?