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Week 2

Verse Categories

3  **REVIEW OF WEEK 1**

4  **Week #1 assignment**

1. Read the entire book of Philippians through at one sitting.
2. Listen to the book in one sitting.
3. Read the entire book through again with a yellow legal pad writing down your questions or observations about the book.
 - Anything that really speaks to you
 - Anything that doesn't make sense
 - Anything that gets you wondering

5  **Maybe you found questions like:**

- Where was Paul in "bondage" when he wrote this? (chapter 1)
- How did others preach Christ hoping to make Paul's suffering worse? And how did Paul thank God for that? (chapter 1)
- Who are Euodias and Syntyche and what was their problem? (chapter 4)

6  **Maybe you found questions like:**


- What do we know about Epaphroditus? (chapter 2)
- When did Paul go to Philippi?
- What is the "concision?" (chapter 3)
- How do you "attain to the resurrection of the dead?" (chapter 3)
- How is your moderation made known unto all men? (chapter 4)

7  **What about you?**

- Did you get more out of the book by reading it all in one sitting?
- Did you get something listening to it that you didn't notice reading it?
- What were some of your big questions?

8  **WEEK #2:**

COMPLETING VERSE CATEGORIES

9  **Create a list of verse categories**










- Get a large sheet of paper in landscape mode (more wide than tall)
- Write verse categories across the top of the paper
- List verse references and what they tell you about that category under each column

10  **Verse categories list**

1.
 - Author
 - Recipients
 - Other characters
 - Where written
 - End times (eschatology)
 - Date of writing
 - Doctrines / teaching
 - Church (ecclesiology)
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2.
 - Problems / reason for writing
 - Commands / exhortations
 - Promises & conditions
 - Christ
 - God the Father
 - The Holy Spirit
 - Add your own (e.g. stewardship, parenting)
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11  **List verses and truths under each category**

- Feel free to add your own categories (e.g. money, stewardship, family, parenting, etc.).
- This will require some time, so do a little each day (e.g. a chapter per day).

- 12  **Example: Chart**
- Use wide butcher paper or just lots of sheets of legal paper
- 13  **Example: Chart (2)**
- Can use front and back
 - Great family devotional project with children
- 14  **Example: Author**
- 1:1 -- Paul is with Timothy
 - 1:7 -- Paul is in prison at time of writing
 - 1:13 -- Paul's imprisonment is well known
 - 1:18-20 -- Paul's sole desire is that Christ be magnified no matter what the cost to himself personally
 - Hint: Chapter 3 is greatly autobiographical
- 15  **Example: Recipients**
- 1:1 -- The saints at Philippi which include overseers and deacons.
 - 1:3-5 -- They have been supporters of Paul's ministry from the first day up to the time of this writing.
 - 2:12 -- Called "beloved" by author. They have also demonstrated obedience in the past.
- 16  **Example: Time of writing**
- 1:1 -- Indicates some organization of church by this time into overseers and deacons.
 - 1:21-26 -- Paul faces the possibility of death and yet he feels that God will let him live a while longer.
 - 2:19-30 -- Before Timothy went to Philippi. Just after Epaphroditus recovers from a sickness.
- 17  **Why is this step important?**
- This allows us to understand:
 - Who wrote the book (author)
 - To whom it was written (recipients)
 - Why it was written (problems)
 - When it was written (time)
 - All of these things help us get inside the mind of the author to know his motivations and intent rather than imposing our own on the text.
- 18  **Why is this step important? (2)**
- By listing theological categories, we gather key truths about:
 - Christ
 - The end times
 - Doctrines
 - The Godhead
 - Any other subject we care to categorize
 - Illustration of Larry Burkett
- 19  **Why is this step important? (3)**
- The Word of God is:
 - Inerrant (without error)
 - Infallible (will never let you down)
 - Inspired (a living Word which is "God-breathed")
 - But it is also IMPERATIVE
 - We are to know and obey its commands
 - So list all the commands in the book (John 14:21)
- 20  **So for next week:**
- Return with your written homework (the category charts)
 - You will only learn how to study God's Word by DOING!

Author

Recipients

Date

**Problems /
reason for
writing**

Christ

Commands

Doctrines

End times

Where
written

Church

Promises &
conditions

God the
Father /
Spirit

Prayer

Money

Witnessing

Rhemas
