

# The “Sword” Bible Study Method

*Hebrews 4:12* says, “For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

This picture of a sword helps us to teach any passage of the Bible. When we think of a sword we think of four parts of the sword and six questions we need to ask.

The tip points up to the heavens:

**What do we learn about God? Jesus? Holy Spirit?**

The handle is held by people:

**What do we learn about people?**

Make SPACE for God’s Word. Ask these 5 questions on the blades:

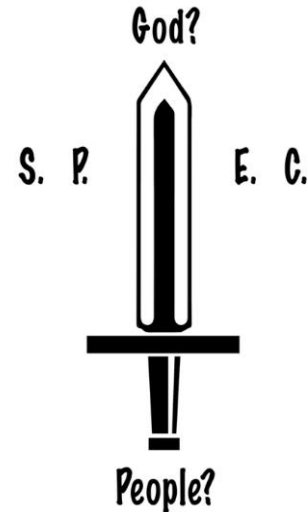
**Is there a sin to avoid? (S)**

**Is there a promise to believe? (P)**

**Is there an attitude to have? (A)**

**Is there a command to obey? (C)**

**Is there an example to follow? (E)**



## Instructions:

During the “Look Up” part of the 3/3’s meeting, you can tell the Bible story, then read the story from the Bible. After telling and reading the story, *first* pray and ask the Holy Spirit to teach everyone how to understand and obey this passage (John 14:26). *Next*, ask these questions one at a time. The questions are open for anyone to answer from the Bible. As people answer from scripture, the Holy Spirit will teach everyone how to understand and obey God and His Word.

**As the facilitator**, keep the group focused on the specific story or passage you are studying. If there are seasoned believers in the group, they may intimidate new believers by jumping around from passage to passage. We do not want new believers to think that simply “knowing” a lot equals maturity. However, each week as believers learn more scripture, while obeying it, God will mature them in His timing. Also, make sure all the answers come *from the Bible*, not simply someone’s opinion or “what I think this means to me.”

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# The Commands of Christ

**Command of Christ # 1 - Repent & Believe** Read The Command: In Mark 1:15, Jesus says...

Tell The Story: **The Sinful Woman Luke 7:36-50** Retell the story together, Read the story aloud.

Discover: Pray then use the Sword Bible Study method to discuss the story

**Command of Christ # 2 - Be Baptized** Read the Command: In Matthew 28:19, Jesus says...

Tell the Story of **Phillip and the New Believer Acts 8:26-39** Retell the story together, Read the story aloud.

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**Command of Christ #3 - Pray** Read the Command: in Matthew 6: 9-13, Jesus says...

Tell the story: Jesus teaches about **Prayer in Matthew 6: 5-15** Retell the story together, Read the story aloud.

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**Command of Christ #4 - Go...Make Disciples** Read the Command: Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus says...

Tell the Story: **The Samaritan Woman John 4:4-42** Retell the story together, Read the story aloud.

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**Command of Christ # 5 - Love** Read the Command: In Matthew 22:37-39, Jesus says...

Tell the Story: **The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37** Retell the story together, Read the story aloud.

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**Command of Christ #6 - Worship through Perseverance** Read the Command: In Matthew 4:10, Jesus says...

Tell the Story: Philippian jailer **Acts 16:25-34** Retell the Story together, Read the Story aloud.

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**Command of Christ #7 - Lord's Supper** Read the Command: In Matthew 26:26-28, Jesus says...

Tell the Story: Jesus' **Last Supper Luke 22:7-20** Retell the Story together, Read the Story aloud.

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**Command of Christ #8 - Give** Read the Command: In Matthew 6:1-4, Jesus says...

Tell the Story: **The Widow Gives Mark 12:41-44** Retell the Story together, Read the Story aloud.

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**Command of Christ #9 - Gather** Read the Command: In Hebrews 10:24-25, Jesus says...

Tell the Story: **The first church Acts 2:36-47** Retell the Story together, Read the Story aloud.

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