

How to Study the Bible

UNIT STUDENT REPORTS AND ANSWER SHEETS

STUDENT REPORT DIRECTIONS

When you have completed your study of each unit, fill out the answer sheet for that unit. Do only one unit at a time. Return each answer sheet to your ICI instructor or office in your area as soon as you have completed it.

The following are directions on how to indicate your answer to each question.

EXAMPLE

There is one best answer. Blacken the space for the answer you have chosen.

- 1** To be born again means to
- a) be young in age.
 - b) accept Jesus as Savior.
 - c) start a new year.

The correct answer is b) *accept Jesus as Savior*, so you would blacken space **b** like this:

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Now read the questions in your Student Report and mark your answers in the answer section as we have shown in our example. Choose your answer and blacken the space **a**, **b**, or **c** according to your choice.

STUDENT REPORT FOR UNIT ONE

For all questions, be sure the number beside the spaces on the answer sheet is the same as the number of the question.

- 1** Our relationship with God depends upon our
 - a) living a productive life.
 - b) obeying His commands.
 - c) doing works of service.

- 2** The study of God's Word
 - a) makes us successful.
 - b) increases our intelligence.
 - c) helps fulfill our needs.

- 3** A person who grows spiritually through Bible study is a(n)
 - a) educated person.
 - b) person who is guided by God's Spirit.
 - c) deeply religious person.

- 4** A person who grows spiritually through Bible study has
 - a) the proper attitude toward study.
 - b) no need to grow any more.
 - c) no set pattern for study.

- 5** We must approach the study of God's word with
 - a) knowledge.
 - b) anticipation.
 - c) obedience.

- 6** Two characteristics of the Bible are inspiration and
 - a) authority.
 - b) authenticity.
 - c) revelation.

- 7** Your Bible or your friend's Bible is
 - a) the original manuscript.
 - b) a copy of the original manuscript.
 - c) a translation of the original manuscript.

- 8** The word *Bible* came from the Greek word *biblia* which means
 - a) book.
 - b) bibliography.
 - c) two books.

- 9** The New Testament tells about an agreement between God and man
 - a) for a limited time.
 - b) a fulfillment of the Old Testament.
 - c) a preparation for another covenant.

- 10** The main factor that creates unity in the Bible is that each book
 - a) gives us the full revelation of Christ.
 - b) shows Christ in a special way.
 - c) is written by the same man.

- 11** The use of the figurative language in the Bible is
- important only as a form of literature.
 - confined to the Old Testament types.
 - important to illustrate spiritual truths.
- 12** Which of the following is a way in which ideas are often presented in the Bible?
- Chalk board illustrations.
 - Comparison and contrast.
 - Formal speeches.
- 13** When Bible writers organized and presented their material, they
- used different styles and methods.
 - tried to write like each other.
 - followed certain rules for writers.
- 14** Poetry is a style of writing which usually
- provides a record of human events.
 - expresses man's thoughts and feelings.
 - foretells future events.
- 15** The main styles of writing used in the Bible include history, prophecy, poetry, and
- fiction.
 - letters.
 - novels.
- 16** You need these basic tools for Bible study:
- Bible, pen, seeing.
 - commentaries, pen, Bible.
 - Bible, eyes, concordance.
- 17** Which of the following is a good approach to understanding a portion of scripture?
- Look up the meaning in a Bible commentary.
 - Ask your pastor or Bible teacher.
 - Ask yourself the following questions about the verses: Who, What, Why, When, and to Whom.
- 18** The most important principle of interpretation is to read
- all the commentaries you can.
 - the context of a particular Scripture.
 - slowly without interruption.
- 19** What is the relationship between prayer and studying God's Word?
- You must pray to understand God's Word.
 - Prayer is an unnecessary addition to Bible study.
 - The Bible can be understood without any prayer.
- 20** The best way to receive spiritual help from the Bible is to study
- with an attitude of prayer.
 - at the same hour each day.
 - an original version.

This is the end of the requirements for Unit One. Please stop here and return your Answer Sheet for Unit One to your instructor. Continue your study in Unit Two.

STUDENT REPORT FOR UNIT TWO

For all questions, be sure the number beside the spaces on the answer sheet is the same as the number of the question.

- 1** The greatest benefit of studying the Bible book by book is
 - a) being able to predict the exact time of Christ's second coming.
 - b) being able to see contradictions.
 - c) having the living Word in us.
- 2** The first step in book study is to
 - a) apply its truth to our life.
 - b) interpret what the author means.
 - c) read and observe what the author is saying.
- 3** After reading Colossians several times we observe that the main theme is
 - a) the Christian's full life in Christ.
 - b) Christ's death and resurrection.
 - c) the Christian's heavenly home.
- 4** In Colossians the symbols of circumcision, burial, and death illustrate
 - a) three different levels of separation.
 - b) the truth that the Christian is free from sin.
 - c) an unpleasant transformation from sin.
- 5** To really benefit from the truth found in Colossians, you must
 - a) apply it to your life.
 - b) draw a neat chart of the main points.
 - c) compare your study with another.
- 6** What does the book of Colossians say about how we can live a full life in Christ?
 - a) We should follow the example of Paul, the author of the book.
 - b) Christ provides a life of strength, freedom, and new relations.
 - c) Colossians repeats many of Jesus' teaching from the Sermon on the Mount.
- 7** To study a particular doctrine of the Bible you should do a
 - a) topical study.
 - b) biographical study.
 - c) book study.
- 8** A topical study requires a person to
 - a) do very little work.
 - b) carefully search for references.
 - c) choose one of a few, limited subjects.
- 9** Prayer, according to our topical study, is
 - a) needed occasionally in our lives.
 - b) a daily ritual that occurs at a set time.
 - c) a regular and continual part of our lives.
- 10** After selecting a topic, the first thing to do is
 - a) list all the references on the topic you can find.
 - b) summarize the references.
 - c) arrange the references into categories.

- 11** Which is a reason why we can always pray?
- We will always have enemies to pray for.
 - We are given many examples in the Bible.
 - God can always hear us.
- 12** Why do character studies help us to understand spiritual truth more easily?
- The Bible tells real experiences of real people.
 - The Bible is a set of rules for people to follow.
 - Bible characters were examples of people who were perfect.
- 13** Which of the following is a good rule for character studies?
- Choose good examples for your study.
 - Find out as much as possible about the character.
 - Start with a study of Adam and continue through the Bible in order.
- 14** In biographical studies it is helpful to
- identify ourselves with the person studied.
 - skip the scattered references to the person.
 - focus on persons who lived perfect lives.
- 15** Jacob is a good biographical study because
- he was a perfect man.
 - his faults are recorded to help us.
 - he moved from place to place.
- 16** A lesson we learn from Jacob's life is that
- we earn for ourselves rewards.
 - everything depends on God's mercy.
 - a little sin is acceptable.
- 17** An important part of devotional study is
- listing many references to our subject.
 - organizing the main points into an outline.
 - meditating on a passage of Scripture.
- 18** Which of the following is a true statement about devotional Bible study?
- The truths of the Bible are easily learned by reading and taking notes.
 - Once you have learned the truths of the Bible, they will never be forgotten.
 - One must search for deep meaning and personal application.
- 19** When we obey the Bible's commands and live according to its truths, we are
- going beyond our duty to God.
 - making the message personal.
 - living in bondage.
- 20** Our main goal in devotional study should be to
- read the Bible daily at the same hour.
 - enjoy our salvation alone.
 - become able to share gospel truths.

End of requirements for Unit Two. Please return your student report Answer Sheet for Unit Two to your ICI instructor. Now that you have completed your study of this course, ask your instructor to recommend another course of study.