KNOW YOUR BIBLE AND ITS STUDY TOOLS

What bible are you currently using? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What translation is your bible? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who gave you your bible? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Sit down and look through your bible. What do you notice about your bible? What tools are in your bible to help you?

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***Skip this part and come back to it after Gary’s lesson!***

Which bible tool did you find especially helpful? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Which bible tool do you want to use more? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you could join a bible study, who would you want to be in your study? Why?

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What book of the bible would you like to start reading? What topic of the bible would you like to know more about? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Let’s talk about the tools in your bible and how they can help you.

*But first, let’s see if you can match them below.*

**TOOLS HOW THEY HELP YOU**

Bible Person Profile These give you the geographical location of where events took place, often offering insight into your reading.

Maps Get an overview of a bible person’s life. Read this to learn his or her strengths and accomplishments, lessons from his or her life, and a key verse about him or her.

Cross-References To help you understand more about a topic or bible passage, be sure to read these. Often these are full of data and more information about the passage or bible times.

Charts In the margin of the page are other verses that you can look up to see verses that cross reference to the passage you’re reading.

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**TOOLS HOW THEY HELP YOU**

Dictionary/Concordance Below the text, you can read a comment or explanation of the verse(s) you just read.

Footnotes In the back of your bible is an alphabetical listing of topics (notes, bible names, and places). Verses are often listed to help give you more understanding of the topic.

Index to Notes In the back of your bible is an alphabetical listing of words and phrases found in the Bible, showing where the word or phrase occurs in scripture.

Book Introduction At the beginning of each book there are vital statistics about each book: when it was written, who wrote it, an overview of the book and its themes, and a historical timeline placing the time period the book was written.

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