

BUILDING A BIBLE STUDY Outline

1. Write out a BIG IDEA. This is the theme that will shape your entire study. Scripture dictates this idea. [3 JOHN]

Example: "In a self-serving world, serve the Truth."

2. Develop your outline. Usually two to five points which represent the most critical aspects of your topic. **LET THE WORD PROVIDE YOUR OUTLINE.**

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A possible outline is: Introduction: Are you a true servant?

I. A true servant FINDS JOY in those who walk in the Truth

II. A true servant WORKS WITH those who serve the Truth

III. A false servant is THREATENED by the gifts
and service of others

Conclusion: Imitate what is good and true

3. Your Introduction should be used to make people actively listen to what you are about to share. Possibly a question or a bold statement. Anything that makes the listener want to know more, or acquire an answer to a problem.
4. Your Conclusion will be used to draw the audience to the point of isolating an area of life that must change. In the application, give specific ways in which they can arrive at a new level of obedience.
5. Use supporting material to add interest and keep the audience actively thinking about the material. ie. Illustrations, questions, stories & quotes
 - Write out key questions to spark conversation.
6. Use supporting Scriptures that contribute significant meaning to the study. If supporting Scriptures add little understanding simply don't use them.
7. Make your lesson applicable to the audience. The Word of God is relevant. Show them how it relates to them personally.
8. Have additional questions prepared for the end of the study just in case you have too much time left at the end of the lesson.