

Introduction to the D.I.G. Method

Learning to dig into God's Word for Details, Implications, and the Gospel

The D.I.G. method is a Bible study method that you can do at any time, any place, and at any season of your life. The only tools you need are the Bible, paper, and a pencil. It is a method which is useful for personal study, but can also be used in a group setting after each member does their own personal study. And like anything worth doing, this Bible study method takes work (hence the name "DIG").

The purpose of this method is not to spoon-feed you with what someone else has learned, but to teach you to feed yourself from God's Word. When you dig into God's Word this way you will discover treasure. You will not only come to know God, His Word, and His plan, but you will discover how practical God's Word is for your life right now. So, don't be intimidated, but do be challenged to persevere in your digging. God wants you to know Him and experience Him, so He will meet you as you DIG!

Here's how to D.I.G. First, look at the Details (D) of the passage, looking for just the facts, asking what the passage is saying. Then, interpret those facts. Describe what you think the passage means as God's Spirit gives you insight.

Second, bring the passage home by discovering the Implications (I) contained in the passage. How does this passage impact your head, heart, hands, and prayers?

Finally, look for the Gospel (G) in this passage. Where do you see truths about God, man, Jesus, Holy Spirit, and how we respond?

While this method can be used with any passage of Scripture, it is helpful to divide the passage into bite-sized pieces for your study. Also, don't start each part of the study from scratch. The Interpretations will build on the Facts; the Implications build on the Interpretations, and so on.

To disregard God's Word is to reject life itself. To DIG into God's Word and let it change how you think and what you love and how you live is the surest way to experience all that God has for you. As you taste and see how good the Word of God is and how good the God of the Word is you will discover treasures beyond anything you can image—and you will be changed forever.

Deuteronomy 32:47: This is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live