



WHAT ARE WE DOING?

The Navigators Calling:

**TO ADVANCE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS AND HIS KINGDOM
INTO THE NATIONS
THROUGH SPIRITUAL GENERATIONS OF LABORERS
LIVING AND DISCIPLING AMONG THE LOST**

WHAT: **TO ADVANCE
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[11] Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. [12] We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. [13] For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. [14] For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; [15] and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

[16] From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. [17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. [18] All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; [19] that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. [20] Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. [21] For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

STUDY SKILL /// OBSERVATIONS

Observations are the key to good Bible study. You must see right in order to know and do right. Spend time on this step and push yourself to look intently into the Word. Use the chart on the next page to look at the passage from different angles.

<p>About God:</p>	
<p>About Me:</p>	
<p>About our Relationship:</p>	
<p>About the ministry/work:</p>	
<p>Other Observations <i>(include verse reference)</i></p>	

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WHERE: **INTO THE**
NATIONS

Genesis 12:1-9

1 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. 9 And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

STUDY SKILL /// CONTEXT AND CROSS-REFERENCES

The histories and teachings of the Bible occur as a part of the larger story of Scripture. Context and Cross-References help you frame the text you're studying in light of the bigger picture of the Bible.

Context: This is the central concept in deciphering what a Bible text means. To fully understand the author's intended meaning, we must consider the event, statement or idea being studied in its proper setting. What do the surrounding sentences say? The paragraph? Chapter? Book? And even the Bible as a whole?

Cross-References: This is the practice of finding and considering similar passages to the one being studied. We want to use the Bible to interpret the Bible. Many of your Bibles probably have a cross-reference column. This is a great place to start. Superscript letters are placed near words or phrases that link to similar passages throughout the Bible. The superscript letters refer to a center column that lists the verses you should look up.

See the next page for some exercises using these skills.

Don't forget last week's skill: What observations do you see?

Start at Genesis 1 and read the section headings given in your Bible leading up to Genesis 12.
Summarize the CONTEXT leading into Genesis 12.

Now read and summarize the headings after chapter 12.

12-20:

21-26:

27-36:

37-46:

47-50:

How does Genesis 12 seem to fit the book of Genesis?

Look up the following CROSS REFERENCES. And make observations about what God wants to communicate through his promise to Abraham.

Internal Cross-References (within the book of Genesis)

Genesis 15:1-6

Genesis 26:1-5

Genesis 28:10-17

External Cross-References (from another portion of Scripture)

Matthew 28:16-20

Hebrews 6:13-20

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WHO: **THROUGH**
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2 Timothy 2

[1] You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, [2] and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. [3] Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. [4] No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. [5] An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. [6] It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. [7] Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

[8] Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, [9] for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! [10] Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. [11] The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
[12] if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
[13] if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

[14] Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. [15] Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. [16] But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, [17] and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, [18] who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. [19] But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

[20] Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. [21] Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

[22] So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. [23] Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. [24] And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, [25] correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, [26] and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

STUDY SKILL /// PARAGRAPH TITLES

Give each paragraph a title in the left hand column. Try to use words from the text to make a 2-3 word summary title. The goal is to capture the main thought from each paragraph so you can see correlations in the text. For example, paragraph one could be titled "Faithful Men".

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Colossians 4:1–17

[1] Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

[2] Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. [3] At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—[4] that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

[5] Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. [6] Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

[7] Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. [8] I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, [9] and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

[10] Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), [11] and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. [12] Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. [13] For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. [14] Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. [15] Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. [16] And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. [17] And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.”

STUDY SKILL /// MARKING THE TEXT

Visually marking the text assists you in “seeing” what the author is talking about. For instance, highlighting a repeated word in the same color or circling each use of God, draws attention to the purposefully repetitive content.

Marking the text loses its effectiveness when overdone. Therefore, a key to this skill is only marking a few major things.

Try underlining each verb and circling each name. Does that lead you to any insights?

Are there any repeated words/concepts to highlight/color code?

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