



Bible Study Guide MACRO

Step 1 / Define your passage of study / typically use paragraph level divisions (pericopes).
 2 Cor 3:12-18

Step 2 →

The flow of the passage!

Step 3 / Consider Immediate Context / what is being talked about around your passage

Previous Passage / 2 Cor 3:7-11
 Subject of Passage: Glory
 Compliment: OT Ministry - Death - Law had Glory
 NT Ministry - Life - Christ More Glory

Terminology:
Subject / a subject is the main idea that a paragraph is talking about. One or two words to describe the main topic.
Compliment / what does the paragraph say about what is being talked about.

Example
 Col 1:15-20
Subject / Jesus Christ...
Compliment / ...is first and foremost of all things.

Your Study Passage / 2 Cor 3:12-18
 Subject: The Veil...
 Compliment: is on same - and removed from others - through Jesus
See Jesus Glory - Become Glorious

Following Passage / 2 Cor 4:1-6
 Subject: The Ministry of The Apostles
 Compliment: is like Jesus' ministry.
 not underhanded - open statement of truth not ourse lives shown into of others

Like Jesus himself

12) since we have this hope we are very Bold

13) not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

← Illustration -

14) But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.

Hardening of HEARTS

Veil.

15) Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts.

Turn to Lord

Freedom
Veil lifts



Behold X

TRANSFORM



Level up



All
glorifying



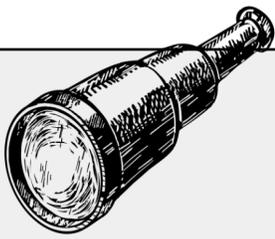
By The Spirit

16) But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is lifted.

17) Now the Lord is spirit, and where the Spirit is, there is freedom.

18) AND we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is Spirit.





Step 4 / Observation / "What does the passage say?" / Be the detective! / Try to write down as many things that you can about what you notice about your passage / here are some tips...



- The Jews of Paul's time experienced A Hardening of Their HEARTS + MINDS
- This veil lasted until christ
- When a person "turns" to The Lord — That veil is lifted
- With A turning to The Lord Comes The Holy Spirit — Bringing Freedom
- Because That veil is lifted we can see Jesus in his Glory — AND BY LOOKING AT HIM we can be transformed INTO HIS IMAGE
- Every level of Growth is glorious
- The Spirit is deeply involved in This process

Ask Questions of the Passage:

- Who?
- What?
- Where?
- When?
- How Much?
- Why?
- How?

Consider...

- Significant conjunctions
- Comparisons and contrasts
- Repeating words or ideas (keys)
- Anything out of the ordinary?
- Questions you have when you read the passage



Words you want to define or research?

Bold

Hardened - stone. Unwilling to learn

Turns - Turn Back - Repeat. change direction

Freedom. The state of being free

Gal 2:4, 5:1, 5:13 1 Pet 2:16

Step 5a / Questions / think of at least two questions that your passage makes you consider / maybe things you don't understand, or things that you wish you knew more about.

What causes the Veil
To lift - EXACTLY?

What is meant
By "TURNING to
The Lord"?

What is EXACTLY Meant
By "LOOKING AT JESUS?"

Step 5b / Cross References / use concordances or other Bible study tools to determine similar passages that might help answer questions.

EXODUS 34:33-34
Moses Veil

2 Cor 3:6 { Legalism
Letta-Kills }
Spirit → Gives life

2 Cor 4:4 - God of this
world HAS Blinded The
Mind of UNBELIEVERS.

Rom 8:29 - conformed
to The "image" of
His Son

1 Cor 13:12
"See Thru A Mirror
darkly..."

2 Cor 4:6 -
Let Light Shine in
darkness.



Step 6 / SUBJECT / determine the subject of your passage / put some time into this!

BRAINSTORM AREA >>>>

The Veil

Step 7 / COMPLIMENT / determine what your passage says about your "subject" / try to limit this to 4-8 words or so...

BRAINSTORM AREA >>>

Remains for some
and lifted for those
who turn to Jesus

Subject:

The Veil ...

Compliment: 4-8 words or so...

Remains for some -
Lifted for others -

NOTE: Finding your subject of the paragraph (or passage) and what it says about the passage keeps you honest and in context.

This step is so crucial as it keeps you from bringing outside biases into your study work, either from your opinions or things you've heard about the passage before. These things can sway your rational thinking and take you off course.

Sub Points? / Does this passage have any sub-points that are easy to spot?

- Remains for the ones unwilling to learn
- Lifted for those who turn to Jesus.
- Transformation possible



Step 8 / Interpretation / what does it mean?

① All people pre-Faith Have
A Veil.

② TURNING TO Christ Lifts
This Veil —
Probably Due to
The Arrival of The
Holy Spirit

③ Looking At Jesus — Through
Scripture Allow us to
see him as he is — AND
Allows us to be TRANSFORMED

③b Into Christ's Image

③c Little By Little

③d Each Step Being Glorious

④ This is By The
SPIRIT

OUR
ACTION

HIS
ACTION

A few basic rules
of interpretation...

(1) **Continuity of the message** / greater context of Bible / scripture best interprets scripture.

(2) **Context of the material.** What is the immediate context of the verse/passage?

(3) **Customary meaning.** What is the literal meaning of what is being said, don't spiritualize or modernize scripture. If it's symbolic, it will be obvious and state such.

Richards, Lawrence O., and Gary J. Bredfeldt. *Creative Bible Teaching*. Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2020.

Another way of
expressing this is...

(1) Identify the kind of literature your text is in for insight into its meaning / historical, poetical, correspondence, etc.

(2) Consider the context...

(3) Read the text for the plain and obvious meaning.

(4) Try to discern the writers intentions when he wrote the text.

(5) Look carefully at the language of the text for what it reveals about its meaning.

(6) Notice the theological themes in the text.

(7) Always take a God-centered perspective in interpreting your text.

McDill, Wayne. *12 Essential Skills for Great Preaching: Second Edition, Revised and Expanded*. Nashville, TN: B&H Publishing Group, 2006.





Step 9 / Application / what do I personally do about it?
How does this passage affect my thinking or my lifestyle?

All scripture is breathed out by God, and profitable for **teaching**, for **reproof**, for **correction** and for **training** in righteousness. 2 Tim 3:16

+ Positive Things

— Corrective Things

Realm of Truth / Belief

Teaching / things to believe, things that are true

Reproof / things that are not true, to reject

See preview page

How to grow

- Desire to learn
- look to Jesus
- Study Him -



Realm of Action / Lifestyle

Training / things that I need to accept and do in terms of actions and lifestyle.

Correction / things that I need to reject in terms of actions and lifestyle.

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Encourage
Them in
Others

Whole process
Removes
sin little
By little



Step 10 / Prayerful Application / take some time to consider how **faith** in God and **humility** might make applying this passage more possible. What aspects of "trusting God" and being "teachable" might make application more possible?

Faith / Believing God More...

Let me be open
MINDED Toward
Scripture.

Look more at
Jesus—
Eyes off
Self +
Circumstance

Humility / Trusting Self less...

I Need
Jesus'
Image
Implanted
on Me

Step 11 / Quotes or Illustrations / find some quotes by people from the past or other leaders that help make sense of what you are learning. This is extra, but helpful.

Gradual growth in grace, growth in knowledge, grow growth and faith, growth, and love, growth, and holiness, growth, and humility, growth, and spiritual mind. All this I see clearly taught and urged in scripture and clearly exemplified in our lives of many of God saints.
J c Ryle

Growth is the only evidence
of life.
St. JOHN Henry Newman

Complacency is A
Deadly foe of All
SPIRITUAL GROWTH —
AW TOZER

