

How To Study the Bible

Part Seven: Topical Bible Study

The Benefits of a Topical Study

1.) Helps us to learn solid Bible _____.

2.) Gives us answers for Christian _____.

Steps for a Topical Study

1.) List _____ that speak to the topic

2.) Arrange references into _____

3.) _____ lessons learned in each category

Practice Topical Study

TOPIC: Faith

STEP 1: List References

- Matt. 8:10 “I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.”
- Matt. 9:2 “When Jesus saw their faith” (friends of the paralytic)
- Matt. 9:22 “your faith has healed you” (woman with issue of blood)
- Matt. 9:29 “according to your faith let it be done to you”
- Matt. 15:28 “Woman, you have great faith!”
- Matt. 17:20 “Because you have so little faith”
- Matt. 21:21 “if you have faith and do not doubt”
- Mark 4:40 “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”
- Mark 5:34 “Daughter, your faith has healed you.”
- Mark 10:52 “your faith has healed you.”
- Mark 11:22 “have faith in God”
- Mark 11:24 “whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it”

- Luke 17:5 “Lord, increase our faith”
- Luke 17:6 “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed”
- Luke 17:19 “Rise and go; your faith has made you well” (ten lepers)
- Acts 14:9 “Paul...saw that he had faith to be healed”
- Acts 16:5 “the churches were strengthened in the faith”
- Acts 20:21 “they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus”
- Romans 1:12 “mutually encouraged by each other’s faith”
- Romans 1:17 “the righteous will live by faith”
- Romans 4:19 “without weakening in his faith”
- Romans 4:20 “he did not waver through unbelief...but was strengthened in his faith”
- Romans 5:1 “since we have been justified through faith”
- Romans 10:17 “faith comes from hearing”
- Romans 14:1 “Accept the one whose faith is weak”
- I Cor. 12:9 “to another faith by the same spirit” (gift of faith)
- II Cor. 5:7 “For we live by faith, not by sight”
- II Cor. 10:15 “as your faith continues to grow”
- Ephesians 2:8 “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith”
- Hebrews 11:1 “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for”
- James 2:26 “faith without deeds is dead”
- James 5:15 “the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well”

Other verses that deal with the topic of faith but don’t use the word “faith”.

- Genesis 15:6 “Abram believed the Lord, and He credited it to him as righteousness”
- Exodus 14:31 “when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of God...the people...put their trust in Him”
- Numbers 13:30 “Caleb silenced the people...and said...We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it”
- I Samuel 17:46 “This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands” (David and Goliath)
- Psalm 20:7 “Some trust in chariots...but we trust in the name of the Lord our God”
- Daniel 3:17 “If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it”

STEP 2: Categorize Verses

What is faith?

Hebrews 11:1

What are the different types of faith?

Ephesians 2:8; I Corinthians 12:9; James 5:15

What are the results of faith?

Matt. 9:22; 9:29; Mark 5:34; 10:52; 11:24; Luke 17:19; Acts 14:9; Ephesians 2:8; James 5:15

What are the different levels of faith?

Matthew 8:10; 15:28; 17:20; Acts 16:5; Romans 4:19, 20; 14:1

What produces faith?

Romans 10:17

What destroys a person's faith?

Matt. 21:21; Mark 4:40; Mark 11:24

How is faith expressed?

Matt. 9:2; 15:21-28; Mark 10:46-52; II Cor. 5:7; Hebrews 11:1; James 2:26; 5:15; Genesis 15:6; I Samuel 17:46

STEP 3: Summarize

What produces faith?

Faith is produced in my life through hearing and knowing what God is saying through His Word. I need to spend more time in the Word of God and less time listening to the ideas and opinions of man. I need to make His voice the loudest voice in my life.

What are the different types of faith?

In the Bible we learn about different types of faith.

- Saving faith
- Faith for healing and other miracles
- The gift of faith

I need to desire for each type of faith to be evident in my life. My faith in Christ has saved me, but I must continue to have strong faith in Christ. I need to practice putting my trust in God more than I put trust in man.