

Teaching a Bible Study

Luke 24:13-48 gives us a pattern Christ used for effective Bible study

Encourage people to share what is going on in their lives
Luke 24:13-24

Christ took the initiative to make the initial contact
Luke 24:13-16

Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

People often have their minds controlled by what is happening in their lives

they think about those things

they talk about those things

they are looking for answers to those things

they will even open up to strangers about those things

Christ asked them a question about their concerns
Luke 24:17-18

And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"

Christ asked them both about their thoughts and their feelings

What are you talking about?

Why are you sad?

True communication involves both the thoughts and the feelings of others

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Christ listened to learn both their thoughts and feelings

Luke 24:19-24

And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see."

The two reported the facts

Christ had been a mighty prophet

Christ had been condemned to death

Christ had been crucified

Christ was reported to have risen from the dead

The two reported their thoughts and feelings

their trust had been shattered

they were astonished at what they were told

they thought the women had seen a vision

they had heard the same things from others

they did not believe since no one had seen Christ

**many people are not able to study the Word of God
until they share their thoughts and feelings**

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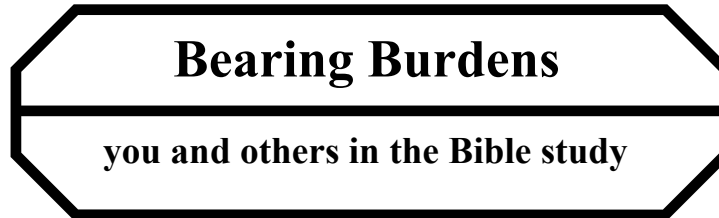
**Bring the things they share to God
(the two had shared their concerns with Christ)**

**We bring their concerns to God through prayer
Exodus 18:19**

Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you: Stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God.

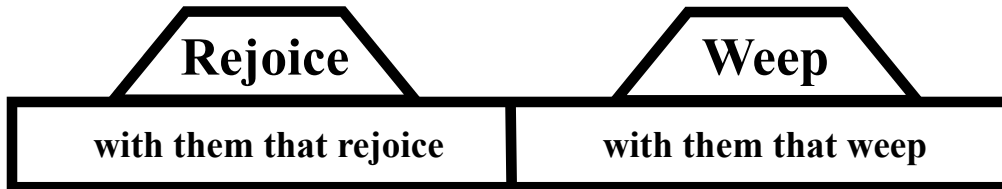
**Share their burdens
Galatians 6:2**

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.



**Share their joys and their sorrows
Romans 12:15**

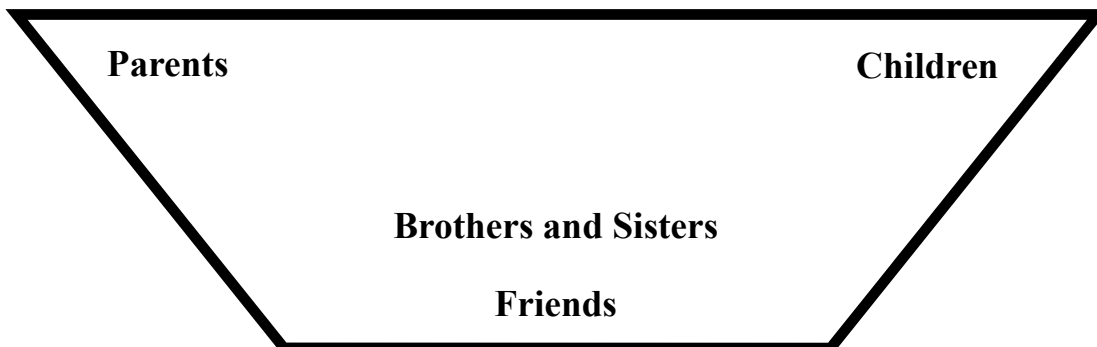
Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.



**Share their concerns for their families
Luke 15:13**

And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

many non-Christians greatly want someone to pray for:



Leading the Bible study
Luke 24:25-27

Christ focused on the reliability of the Word of God
Luke 24:25

Then He said to them,

“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!...”

people may question the existence of God

people may question the Word of God

Christ focused on His death and resurrection
Luke 24:26

“...Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?”

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures

Christ was buried

Christ rose again the third day according to the Scriptures

Christ was seen by more than 500 witnesses

1 Corinthians 15:3-6

Christ focused on what the Scriptures taught about Him
Luke 24:27

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Christ explained the teachings of Moses about Himself

Christ explained the teaching of the prophets about Himself

we may need to teach what Moses says about Christ

we may need to teach what the prophets say about Christ

we may need to teach what one of the Gospels says about Christ

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Discussing how what they are learning applies to their lives
Luke 24:28-48

Christ took time for fellowship after Bible study
Luke 24:28-32

Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

Christ went to their home
Christ spent time talking in their home
Christ enjoyed their food with them
Christ gave them a visual illustration while eating
Christ saw people whose hearts were changed

Christ gave time for the two to report to others
Luke 24:33-35

So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

the two were changed
the two wanted to tell others immediately
they told what they heard on the way
they told what they had seen
they told how they knew Christ

**Christ took time to deal with their fears
Luke 24:36-38**

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

the disciples were terrified

the disciples were filled with fear

Christ asked why their spirits were filled with fear and dread

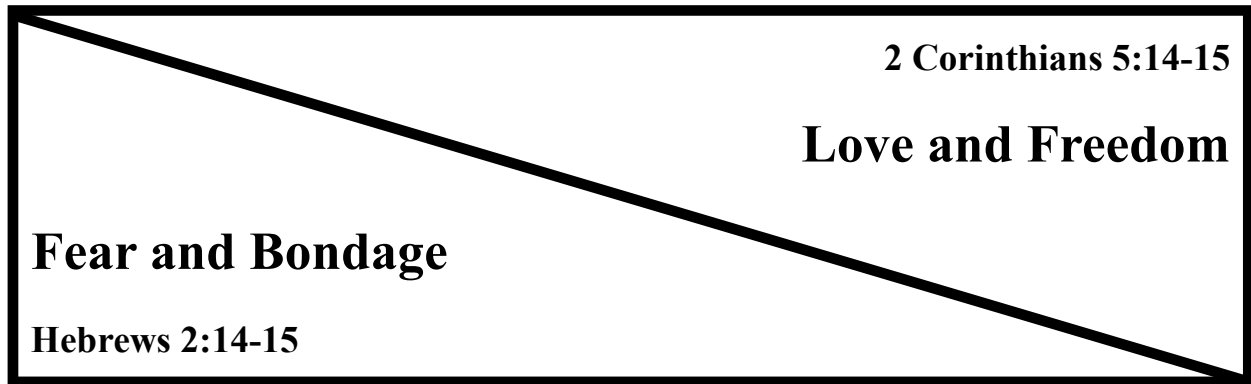
Christ asked them why they had these inner reasonings in their hearts

**All people are motivated by either fear or love
1 John 4:18**

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

Fear

Love



**Fear and bondage goes clear back to Adam and Eve
When Adam and Eve sinned, they experienced five things:
Genesis 3:7-13**

Shame	Fear	Separation from God	Guilt	Blame
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Christ took time to give evidence of His resurrection

Luke 24:39-43

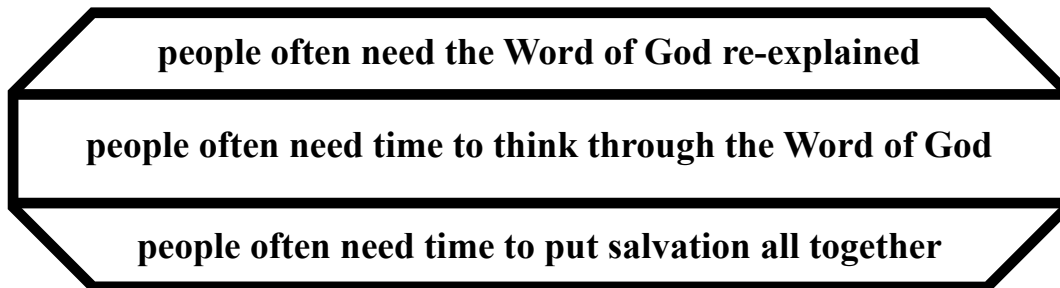
“...Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, “Have you any food here?” So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence.



Christ took time to re-explain things He had taught before

Luke 24:44-45

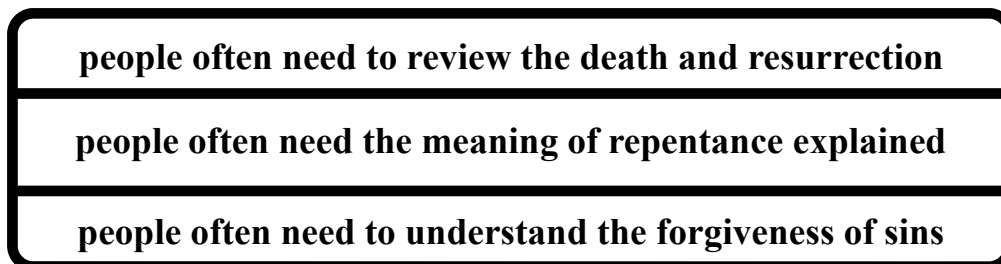
Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.



Christ took time to re-explain about His death and resurrection and the need for repentance and the forgiveness of sin

Luke 24:46-48

Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things.”



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