

How to use this study guide

1. The study guide should be used in an informal setting, there should be a leader, but they are more of a facilitator of discussion than a constant speaker.
2. The leader will read or ask someone to read the verse, you then ask and get answers for the questions below each verse. The goal is to get the students to answer the questions not the leader. The leader should summarize the answer after all discussion is ended.
3. I recommend having the students look the verses up even though they are printed in the book. This will allow them to consider verses before and after for context.
4. The leader should look to pick up on important thoughts and extend the questions to the group to explore applications of truth from the verses.
5. Leaders should also try to point out important words or thoughts in the verses that have not been addressed. Sometimes it is important for the leader to define a word so having a good source for definitions on your phone would be a good idea.
6. Encourage discussion; don't try to rush through the study. Discussing 2-4 verses a week is a good pace.
7. If you have someone make an odd or unbiblical comment respond with something like, "that is an interesting way to look at it, the way that the author seems to mean this is..."
8. Make sure that you mark where you end each week and pick up there again the next week.
9. Work through the material, truth after truth and verse after verse, do not skip around. We are not in a rush.
10. People join the discussion wherever they come in, do not worry if they were not there at the start of the workbook.
11. Have each person take the verbal affirmation of the Bible truth when they can honestly affirm it to be true in their hearts.
12. When you finish the book just start over again at the beginning.

Bible Truth #1 – ONLY GOD KNOWS HOW TO MAKE LIFE WORK

Why hasn't my life worked out? You may be asking this very question tonight, or you have probably asked it in the not too distant past. You may have sought help from many sources. You may have turned to psychology, family, friends, self-help programs and maybe even religious sources to find out how to make your life work, but to no avail.

The truth is that no program, philosophy, or man can give you the answer to that question, but God can. You see, God is the author of life, and being the creator of it, He alone knows how to make it work. Not just pie-in-the-sky ideas, but real basic, where-you-live principles and direction that will help you to get from where you are to where you need to be.

To begin this study, let's take a look at what God has to say about life.

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)

How does this verse relate to Bible Truth #1 “Only God knows how to make life work”?

Whose idea was life?

How can you apply this truth to your entanglements?

What thoughts from this verse can help you grow in spiritual understanding?

Are there any other verses that support your thoughts from this verse?

“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.” (Genesis 1:26-28)

How do these verses relate to Bible Truth #1 “Only God knows how to make life work”?

Whose idea was life?