

Interacting with Scripture

Cut out the bookmark below and fold on the center line, forming a two-sided list of ideas to promote the interacting with Scripture. The image below can be used as a master and reproduced onto cardstock and laminated.

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<p><i>Answer one or more of the following questions as it relates to the passage that you have just read:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What did this chapter tell me about God? 2. What did the reading reveal about God's love for me? 3. What did this passage tell me about myself and my relationship to God? 4. What did this chapter tell me about the gospel of Jesus Christ? 5. How did I receive hope or encouragement from this passage? Is there a promise? 6. What does this passage teach concerning God's will for a holy life? 7. How does my life measure up to the standard in this passage? Specifically where and how do I fall short? 8. What definite steps of action do I need to take to obey this portion of God's Word? 9. Write a prayer from one of the verses in this chapter. 10. Choose a verse to memorize, then meditate on it throughout the week (mulling over potential practical applications). 11. Was there a verse that was especially meaningful? Write it on a 3x5 card; add it to a card ring of "Meaningful Verses" to read every morning before starting the day. 12. Is there something I don't understand? Read the surrounding text (chapters). Read the same passage in 2 or 3 other Bible translations. Look up and read cross references listed for the confusing part. Refer to a Bible commentary. What has been clarified for me by further reading? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. What does God tell me about delighting in Him? About being satisfied in Him? About having fellowship with Him? About trusting Him? 14. What does God tell me about His delighting in me? 15. Does the text teach a doctrine to believe? If so, what do I need to change about my beliefs? Ask God to renew my mind. 16. What (in the text) am I thankful for? Add a praise journal entry, referencing the verse(s). 17. Does a topic spark my interest? Do a topical study by using a concordance to find other passages on that topic. 18. What are the answers to: Who? When? Where? What? Why? and How? regarding this passage? 19. Is there a word I don't understand? Look it up in a Bible dictionary and write the definition in my journal. 20. Is there an attribute (character trait) of God revealed in the passage? How should knowing this about God change how I think, speak and live? 21. Draw a scene described in the passage. Or draw several scenes in comic strip type frames. 22. Does the text teach a principle to live by? What change do I need to make in myself as a result? 23. Write a psalm or an entry in my praise journal praising and thanking God for what I have read today. 24. What put-offs and put-ons were found in this passage? What do you need to put off or put on? How and when will you do that?

Figure 6.2. A bookmark for interacting with Scripture