

# Suggestions for a Bible Journal

## Summary:

- Create a summary of the chapter(s).
- Ask “Who?” - Who is speaking? Who is this about? Who are the main characters?
- Ask “What?” - What is the main subject or event? What instructions are given?
- Ask “When?” - When did or will the events happen?
- Ask “Where?” - Where did or will the events occur?
- Ask “Why?” - Why is the event occurring? Why is a subject being discussed?
- Ask “How?” - How are things being carried out?

## Choose a verse:

- Choose a verse and write it out.
- Memorize as many of these verses as you can!
- Why did you choose it?
- How can you apply it to your life?
- Do some further study on the verse you have chosen - look up words, cross-references, commentaries, etc.

## Some other uses related to the whole chapter:

- Look for lists perhaps related to a key word.
- Watch for contrasts and comparisons.
- Identify terms of conclusion such as therefore, wherefore, for this reason. When you see a therefore, note what it is there for!
- Look for bible echoes or interesting cross-references.
- Look up any words you don't understand.
- Look for truths about God, humanity, the future, etc.
- Look for commands, instruction or wisdom.
- Ask questions and write them down. Then try to find the answers.

## Words/Phrases to look for:

- Mark key words and phrases directly in your Bible using colours or symbols—some will be suggested at the beginning of each book from the ESV translation. If you are using a different translation, they may be different words. When you mark them, ask the same 5 W's and an H.
- You may want to use colours topically, for example have a colour such as blue for God and things associated with Him - holiness, mercy, love, justice, etc. Another colour such as red for man and things related to him - sin, death, mortality. Then you can use the colour in various ways, such as underlining, boxing, circling, colouring in, or as symbols.

## Themes:

- Keep a running list of verses under different topics.