

# Bible Study with Dianne

## Word Study Method

- The Word Study Method selects a word from a Scripture passage.
- The purpose is to determine the original meaning of that word and interpret it in the context and light of the Scripture.
- With the Word Study Method select a “keyword” in the verse to study.
- During this study research the number of times a word occurs in Scripture and how it is used.
- The ultimate aim is to find out the original meaning of the word, write an interpretation and application.
- Many pastors and teachers use this method to write and expound their sermons.

## Steps to Effective Word Study

### Step 1

Select a Scripture you would like to study out for this word study method course

### Step 2

Write the entire Scripture out and underline the "key word" you are going to use for this course. You may also use your computer to type your homework assignments, however, make sure you can reference them easily.

### Step 3

Write the Strong's definition. Example word: *healed*

Healed = H7495 rāphâ' rāphâh - raw-faw', raw-faw' A primitive root; properly to mend (by stitching), that is, (figuratively) to cure: - cure, (cause to) heal, physician, repair, X thoroughly, make whole. See H7503

### Step 4

Write the Dictionary Definition (healed)

Webster's 1828 Dictionary definition of healed - HE'LED, Restored to a sound state.

## Homework - Steps 1-4

- Select a Scripture that you would love to study out during this course or you may use our example if preferred. Write it out in its entirety.
- Select the ONE key word from that Scripture you would like to study out using the word study method and underline it.
- Keep all of your homework in one journal.
- Using the online resource, look up the key word you selected in the Strong's concordance and write the entire definition.
- Write out the Webster's dictionary definition.

## Steps to Effective Word Study Part II

### Step 5

Begin to reread your Scripture with the Strong's Bible Concordance definition. Compare the dictionary definition to the Strong's. This may sometimes help further clarify meanings of the word; however, the Strong's is the true interpretation based on Scripture.

Example: Psalm 107:20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

#### Dictionary Definition:

Psalm 107:20 He sent his word, and restored to a sound state, them and delivered them from their destructions.

#### Strong's Definition:

Psalm 107:20 He sent his word, and mended, made whole, repaired, and cured them, and delivered them from their destructions.

### Step 6

Compare translations – Find two or three different translations of the Bible and compare the passage. Write in your notebook.

Psalm 107:20

#### (Good News Bible)

He healed them with his command and saved them from the grave. (Modern King James Version) He sent His Word and heals them, and delivers them from their pitfalls.

#### (New English Translation)

He sent them an assuring word and healed them; he rescued them from the pits where they were trapped.

**(KJV)**

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

## **Step 7**

Discover the usage of your “keyword”. Answer this question for understanding to discover the usage.

“How is this word being used within the Scripture that I have chosen?”

**Healed is being used to describe what God has done for His people. He heals, healed, mended, made whole, repaired, and cured them from their destructions, pitfalls and the grave.**