

Homework

The homework provided is **optional**. Questions are provided for you to work on at home in preparation for your small group time. If you don't have time to do the homework, don't let that keep you from coming to Insights!

Here are some suggestions for getting started.

- Begin with prayer. Here is a sample one you might like to start with:
Prayer: "God our Father in Heaven, thank you for the gift of your Word. Please give me the ears to hear what you wish to speak to me now,..."
- If you are unable to do anything else, read though the passage of scripture being studied for the week.
- If the homework is intimidating, try answering 1 or 2 questions to start. Whatever amount of homework you can do will bring a blessing to you and is a gift to your small group discussion.
- As you go through the homework, questions may arise. There is a box marked "Questions and Discoveries" at the end of each lesson for you to record any thoughts or questions you would like to share with your small group. As you go through your homework, put a question mark by anything that is confusing or challenging and a star by what you found interesting and want to discuss with your group.
- Your answers will and often should be different than other women's answers. Various viewpoints in understanding and interpretation lead to discussions that lead to deeper insights and clarity for everyone involved. If your answer is different, you are NOT WRONG—you are just seeing it differently and that is important and great for discussion. Speak up!

Types of Questions:

In the main body of the homework are questions that will help you to observe things about the passage you are reading. They examine the "who, what, when, where, how and why" about the text in order to understand what the passage is saying.

If your time is limited, try answering just the questions with boxed numbers.

This will give you a good overall view of the material studied. The lessons are divided into four days so that you can work on them during the week (minus the day you attend Insights).

Optional Digging Deeper questions (in the boxes on the right) explore additional information about the passage being studied or about related topics.

"Applying the Word" questions in the gray boxes are for you to think about and/or discuss in your group. These questions encourage you to apply the truths you have learned to your life.

We are in this together: to learn more about the word of God and to fellowship with and support each other in our efforts to grow as followers of Christ (and sometimes just make it through the next week...)

Any time you open up the Bible you give God an opportunity to meet with you and fill your life with His love and truth. God's word is His **love letter** to us and instructions for life (from the One who knows us best!)

Scripture can bring refreshment, wisdom, joy and light into our lives (Psalm 19:7-8). It fills us with encouragement and hope (Romans 15:4). It protects (Psalm 18:30), equips (2 Timothy 3:16), and keeps us on course (Ephesians 4:13-14). But most of all it **leads us to Jesus Christ** (John 5:39) who is love (I John 4:8,9), the truth, and life (John 14:6).

Jesus promised that abiding in His word leads to abundant living (John 10:10) and freedom (John 8:31-32, 36). Hopefully, you will find that studying the Bible will be a time that brings you "delight." (Psalm 119:16,24,)

*Show me your ways, O LORD,
teach me your paths;
guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.
Psalm 25:4-5 NIV*

*Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105 NAS*

*So Jesus was saying..."If you continue in My word,
then you are truly disciples of Mine;
and you will know the truth,
and the truth will make you free.
John 8:31-32 NAS*

*All Scripture is God-breathed
and is useful for teaching, rebuking,
correcting and training in righteousness,
so that the man of God may be
thoroughly equipped for every good work.
2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV*

Insights Funding

Sharing God's word and impacting women with His love and truth and grace is a wonderful gift that Kensington Church has made possible for all of those involved in Insights.

Expenses for the program, however, which include child-care, printing and miscellaneous expenditures such as coffee, etc. need to be self-funded. These costs are covered by free-will donations from those attending.

Because we do not want **any** woman to feel pressured about giving or prohibited from coming to study God's word because of expenses, we ask that you prayerfully give only what you are able.

Since child-care is our biggest expense, and can be a burden to young moms, many women who do not have children in the program have generously helped support the ones who do. Through generous donations in the past, God has always enabled us to meet our needs "above and beyond" our expectations. We thank you for your kind and loving hearts.

Internet Sites

Bibles and Classic commentaries - <http://www.biblegateway.com/>
http://preceptaustin.org/tool_commentary.htm

Strong's Concordance - <http://www.elijah.com/lexicon.html>

Bible Dictionary, Concordance and Commentaries - <http://www.gotothebible.com>

Bible Outlines done with drawings: <https://jointhebibleproject.com>

For more **Bible study aids** go to <http://www.insightsbiblestudy.org> and click on "Bible Study Aids"

*Introducing women
to the transforming power
of the Word of God”*

Exodus 3:14