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Suggested 2021 Winter-Spring Schedule *

Colossians/James

Week of January 18-23: Reconnect Video welcome: DD Junker	
January 25-30: Review Colossians 1:1-18 and are available at our website:	
February 1-6: Review Colossians 1:19 - 2:7 http://www.insightsbiblestudy.org/	
February 8-13: Colossians 2:8-17Video teaching: Pam Foor	
February 15-20: Colossians 2:18 - 3:10 Video teaching: Lyndee Underdown	
February 22-27: Colossians 3:10-21 Video teaching: Karen Shive	
March 1-6: Colossians 3:22 - 4:18	
March 8-13: James 1:1-18 Video teaching: Kathy Richardson	
March 15-20: James 1:19-27	
March 22-27: James 2:1-26 Video teaching: Maria Mukrdechian	
March 29 - April 3: James 3:1-16	
April 5-10: No Insights - Easter Break	
April 12-17: James 3:17 - 4:10	

April 19-24: James 4:11 - 5:9	Video teaching: Jenny Perez
April 26 - May 1: James 5:10-20	No video

*This is a *suggested* schedule and can be adjusted to fit your small group.

Homework

Insights homework has always been optional. It is designed for you to work on in preparation for each week's study. We encourage everyone to try doing **only as much of the homework as you are comfortable with**. If you are new to Insights or your time is limited, begin by just reading the portion of scripture being covered and maybe answering a few questions that look interesting to you.

The lessons are divided into four segments so that you can work on them during the week (minus the day you attend Insights). If you don't have time to do the homework, come anyway. Hopefully you will enjoy and benefit from the teaching videos and small group discussion. Fill in answers to the questions during your small group time as others share.

Whenever you open up the Bible, you give God an opportunity to meet with you and fill your life with His love and truth. He can powerfully use just one verse! God's word is His *love letter* to us and instructions for life (from the One who knows us best!)

As you go through the homework, questions may arise. In the margins write down any thoughts or questions you would like to share with your small group. Put a question mark by anything that is confusing or challenging and a star by what you found interesting and would like to discuss with your group.

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.

Your answers to these questions will often be different than other women's answers. Various viewpoints in understanding and interpretation can lead to interesting discussions that give deeper insights and clarity for everyone involved.

"Digging Deeper" questions (in the boxes on the right) inquire about additional information related to the passage being studied.

"Applying the Word" questions in the gray boxes help and encourage you to apply the truths you have learned to your life.

"For Your Information" (FYI) boxes contain word definitions from Strong's concordance and other dictionaries, as well as various quotes from commentaries that explain or expand on what you are studying.

Internet Sites

Bible Outlines done with drawings: https://thebibleproject.com

Bibles and commentaries: http://www.blueletterbible.org http://www.studylight.org/ check out the commentaries https://net.bible.org/ http://www.biblegateway.com http://preceptaustin.org/tool_commentary.htm http://www.biblestudytools.com http://www.youversion.com

Strong's Concordance: http://www.eliyah.com/lexicon.html

Pictures of Biblical Places: http://www.bibleplaces.com

Maps: http://www.bibleatlas.org http://bible.org/maps

For more internet sites, go to http://www.insightsbiblestudy.org and click on "Bible Study Aids"

Memorizing Scripture

Keep my commandments and live, And my teaching as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart.

Proverbs 7:2-3

"Committing verses of the Bible to memory straps the truths of God to your soul."

- Charles Swindoll

"No matter what questions you're facing today, memorizing Scripture will help you find your way. ... As a result, you will experience:

- *Guidance for decisions*. With God's Word in your heart, He will guide you in surprising ways.
- **Triumph over temptation**. Scripture memorization makes the sword of the Spirit readily available for your battle against sin.
- **Spiritual strength**. Sense God's presence moment by moment and trust Him more deeply to meet your needs and opportunities that arise each day."

Memory Methods:

- "Read the verse through several times thoughtfully, aloud or in a whisper. Once you have learned the reference and the first phrase and have repeated them several times, continue adding more phrases after you can quote correctly what you have already learned.
- Discuss the verse with God in prayer, and continue to seek His help for success in Scripture memory.
- Work on saying the verse aloud as much as possible.
- Writing the verse out can be helpful. This deepens the impression in your mind.
- Review the verse immediately after learning it, and repeat it frequently in the next few days. This is crucial for fixing the verse firmly in your mind because of the tendency to forget something recently learned.
- Review! Review! Review! Repetition is the best way to engrave the verses on your memory."

- from the Topical Memory System by Navigators.org

Download a Bible Memory App:

Example: Bible Memory Pro

