

A STUDY OF
Esther + Daniel



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Purpose

The accurate study and application of God's Word, the Bible, is a foundational part of the Christian life. The challenge of 2 Peter 3:18 is to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,” and that is exactly what this study journal is designed to help you do. In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Paul instructs the young pastor that “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” A careful, intentional study of Esther and Daniel will help you mature as a follower of Jesus. It will help you “be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” It will help you express the real Jesus where you live, work, and play.

Plan

The Esther | Daniel Journal is designed to help you understand and apply the Scriptures accurately to your life using the Inductive Bible Study Method. This method helps you make key observations in a passage of scripture, interpret it within its proper context, and then apply it to daily life. For a brief introduction to the Inductive Bible Study Method, The Training Center of Fellowship Bible Church has prepared a helpful video to get you started. You can watch the video at fellowshipnwa.org/estherdaniel or simply scan the QR code with your smart phone camera to access the link.

Additionally, The Training Center offers Personal Bible Study, a class that goes much deeper into this method of study. If you have not yet taken this class, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible to experience the riches that come from intentional exploration of God's written Word.

Visit trainingcenternwa.org/events to sign up for the next available Personal Bible Study class or contact our Training Center team at training@fellowshipnwa.org for more information.

Particulars

The Esther | Daniel Study Journal is laid out in weekly sessions with resources for daily engagement to help us all grow together.

Each session includes the following:

- Contextual introduction to aid in the study of the week's passage.
- Scripture references to guide you as you open your Bible side-by-side with this study.
- Study prompts to systematically and thoughtfully engage with the readings.
- Notes page for recording insights from teachings as we worship together.
- Discussion questions to help you process the passage in personal and small group settings as we gather together.

We invite you to use this journal in your personal time with God; take it to your small group meeting; bring it when we gather for worship on the weekends. Our hope is that you will find this journal useful wherever you study Esther and Daniel, and that you will discover how these stories of exile can guide and encourage you today.



Introduction Video to Inductive Bible Study
Scan QR code to watch

Artist Note

Understanding the Art

In looking at the books of Esther and Daniel, a prominent theme is presented: intentionally noticing where God is at work and how that displays His character. Oftentimes, this takes slowing down to intentionally practice “looking.” This artwork was designed with that discipline in mind. Using seven constant elements, each week’s art reflects themes within scripture. Themes such as tension and deliverance are portrayed in the intentional arrangement of shapes, rather than illustrative images. The abstract nature of the compositions paired with the consistency of elements is designed to allow you, the viewer, to practice the discipline of “looking,” just as we do when we read the books of Esther and Daniel. We encourage you to take time to notice similarities and differences, and get comfortable with the mystery.

