**WORD STUDY GUIDE**

From time to time it is helpful to know more about what the Bible has to say on a topic or maybe there is an issue you are wrestling with and you are looking for specific help. Doing a word study is a great practice. Most Bibles have a “*Where to find help when you are…”* or a “*What the Bible says about…”* section where there are verses and passages listed along with specific words. If you are using the Bible App or Biblegateway.com you can do a word search to get a list of verses on the topic you are interested in.

A great resource is Rick Warren’s book *Bible Study Methods*.

Let’s take the word *LOVE* and see what the Bible says…

**Word: LOVE**

**English Definition:** *a feeling of strong or constant affection for a person; affection based on admiration*

The first step is to identify the English definition of the word.

**What are the opposites? (antonyms):** hate, hatred, abomination

It is also very helpful to identify opposites. This helps gain a better understanding and might lead to further word studies.

**List 5-10 verses you will look at to understand the word:**

Several key passages often referenced in a Bible’s appendix for the word *LOVE* are*.*

Deuteronomy 10:12

Matthew 22:37-40

John 13:34-35

John 14:21-24

Romans 12:9-10

1 John 3:14

1 John 4:7-21

Read each passage 1x. Identify 3-5 passages that you think give a good picture of what the word *LOVE* means. Now read those selected passages again and write down your observations and insights on the word *LOVE*. To get more out of this it can be helpful to ask questions as you go.

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**2. What does God think about this word?**

**3. Are there actions or patterns associated with this word?**

**4. Are there synonyms or character qualities listed?**

**5. Are there antonyms listed?**

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Record what you learned about the word LOVE that you would live to remember.

Now you choose a word. Use the form on the next page to do a word study.

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