

AT HOME IN THE WORD

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WHY TAKE NOTES?

Taking notes helps us to better comprehend and recall what we are reading in the Bible.

WHERE DO I TAKE NOTES?

We recommend taking notes on a printed, double-spaced copy of the portion of Scripture you're studying. To create one, go to biblegateway.com. Type in the portion of Scripture and click the correct version of the Bible you want (we typically use ESV.) Copy your portion of Scripture into a Word document. Change the spacing to double (or triple for more space) and remove the footnotes and/or headings, if you like. We recommend printing your completed Scripture document one-sided and organizing it in a binder.

WHAT DO I TAKE NOTE OF?

Once you have your printed copy of the Scriptures, it's time to take notes! Write down whatever comes to mind as you study. We like to look for things like:

- Lists or several points in a row
- Transitions (try marking these with arrows)
- Repeated words, phrases, or ideas (try marking these with a symbol or highlighting with the same color)
- Words you want to define (see our Looking Up Definitions tool for help)
- Specific attributes of God (try using our Attributes of God PDF at daytonwomenintheword.com/study-tools)
- Promises of God
- Phrases, or ideas you don't understand (try marking with a question mark)
- Meaningful cross references (see our Cross Referencing tool for help)
- Your answers to the response questions (see our Responding to the Text tool for help)
- Any questions you have or written prayers

Everyone's notes will look different. Try color coding, doodling, underlining, drawing shapes or pictures, question marks - whatever seems natural to you and helps you interact with the text.

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Make a printed copy of the book of the Bible you are currently studying by following the directions above. If you aren't studying anything currently, try Psalm 19. Take notes using the guidance above.

*This worksheet is **a companion to the Annotation video** in Dayton Women in the Word's At Home in the Word Video Series. Please watch the video for a more in-depth discussion about taking notes in Bible study.*