

Bible Study for the Novice

For our second essay I decided to use the spiritual aid of Bible study. Personally I consider myself to be a Christian, but unfortunately my husband and I have not made it a priority in our lives. We haven't really found any churches that we like, and I work six days a week so it's easy to make excuses. This seemed like the perfect way to introduce changes in our daily lives that we've wanted to make for a while. For the purpose of this essay there are three main points I wanted to discuss; what my bible study consisted of, what I learned while doing the bible study, and what I hope to take from this experience.

When I started this assignment I had some misgivings. How would I try to have a bible study when I was doing it alone and had no idea where to start. My husband ended up saving the day when I mentioned the project to he said that we would do it together. He often reads the Bible and I always see him jotting down notes so I figured he could give me some pointers. Luckily my grandpa is a retired Baptist preacher and we asked him for some verses we could start off with. The first thing we would always start with is praying together. After praying we would read some passages from the New Testament (going back to back on verses). After a particular section was read we would discuss what we found interesting or something that pertained to our lives personally. For example we read Corinthians chapter 7 verses 1-16 and heatedly discussed the part about divorce rules. After reading and discussing the passage we would pray again and by then the hour was usually over.

I ended up learning quite a bit during my Bible study project. I have always had my doubts about churches and what they project. I hate hypocrites and it seems like a lot of churches are full of them. I always wanted to get back into church but I also hate the idea of being a part of an organization that seems like they praise money and forget the people who really need help. For this reason I have always shied away from heavy reading of the Bible or getting too involved in a church. I know that a big part of it is laziness but these doubts have always played in the back of my mind as well. After doing the Bible study I realized that I actually enjoy reading the Bible. Not only did I learn something from the readings we did but my husband and I spent some quality time together.

I think that I have accomplished what I initially set out to take from this experience, a closer relationship with God and a hunger that I have not felt in a long time. I hope to make this a regular thing and we have kept going ever since the day we started (2 weeks now). I feel like my personal relationship with God has improved and now I want more. I have been praying more often and also I heard about a challenge they had on a Christian radio station the other day called the 30 day challenge (listen to only Christian music for 30 days) and have decided to give it a try. I am very glad that I chose the Bible study spiritual aid because I feel that it has been life-changing and improved me and my husband spiritually as well as helped with my own relationship with God.