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The Top Ten key chapters in the Bible huh? Well who really knows what the top ten are? How did you come with this list anyway?

The Top Ten were picked from a list of the top 40 chapters to study as chosen by a group of Christian leaders training short term missionaries from a variety of Christian organizations and churches. This cooperative group was called the Co-Mission and it ministered in Russia after the breakup of the USSR. These missionaries studied these key chapters for a year. The list on the next page gives you the Top Forty.

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Genesis 1 & 2	Proverbs 6	Romans 6	Matthew 26-28
Genesis 3	Matthew 5	Romans 7	Ephesians 1
Genesis 12	John 1	Romans 8	Ephesians 2
Genesis 22	John 4	Romans 12	Ephesians 3
Isaiah 2	John 13	James 1	Ephesians 4
Isaiah 6	John 14	James 2	Ephesians 5
Isaiah 40	John 15	James 3	Ephesians 6
Isaiah 53	John 17	James 4	Revelation 4
Psalms 23	Romans 1	James 5	Revelation 5
Psalms 139	Romans 5	Philippians 2	Revelation 22

Top Ten Studies

The chapters in the black boxes are studied in the Top Ten study.

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WEEK 1 - Introduction	WEEK 5- Isaiah 53	WEEK 9- Ephesians 1
WEEK 2- Genesis 3	WEEK 6- John 4	WEEK 10- Ephesians 4
WEEK 3- Psalm 23	WEEK 7- Matthew 5	WEEK 11 -Revelation 5
WEEK 4- Psalm 139	WEEK 8- John 15	

ABC Bible Study

A- A title

Jot down two or three titles that come to mind as you study, then select the best one or make a composite of them. The title should give the summary of the chapter in the form of a heading.

B- Basic Passage

Choose the verse or group of verses (no more than three) which includes the central meaning or is the key to the contents of the passage. This passage should connect with the title.

C- Challenge

As you study the passage ask God to challenge your heart in a personal way from a particular portion of the chapter. As God reveals this to you write out in your own words the corresponding verse(s) from which you are taking your challenge. Then write out how the challenge applies to you and state what you plan to do about it. Make your applications specific (What exactly do I need to do?), measurable (How will I know when I have applied this to my life?), and attainable (Can I finish it this week?).

Examples: Bad: I need to be more loving.
 Good: I will show love to my roommate by making his bed all week.

Types of Application:

- S- Is there a sin I need to avoid, confess or make right?
- P- Is there a promise God makes in this passage that I can ask Him to do for me?
- E- What examples are there to follow? Not to follow? Why?
- C- Are there any commands I need to obey?
- K- Is there any knowledge I received about God or found out I need to research?

D- Difficulties

Write down the number of the verse or verses that raise any questions in your mind as you study the passage. Then write out what specific question(s) you have about the verse. If time permits research the answer(s) to some of these questions.

E- Essence

Write out a summary or brief condensation of the passage. Summarize all parts of the passage equally not giving too much space to one part. One way to do this is to write one sentence in a rough draft for each successive thought in the passage, using your own words instead of the words of the text. Then condense your summary into fewer words, combining your sentences and making them shorter. You should average two to eight words per verse.

IDEA (A suggestion is to write out the information you find from your ABC study on a 4 X 6 card for each chapter you study.)

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Optional- Choose any, part or all of these study methods to do further study on the chapter.

1. Read the chapter 3 to 6 times in different translations.

2. Do verse by verse study:

A. Record observation- What does the verse say? Who, what, when, where, how?

B. Record interpretation- What does the verse mean? Why did the author write that? Ask questions, look for answers, define key words.

C. Find cross references- Cross referencing helps to keep the verse in context and helps prevent misinterpretation and doctrinal error. It will also help answer your questions.

Types of Cross References:

1. Parallel- say about the same thing

2. Contrasting- show a different viewpoint

3. Illustrative- historical accounts which show a scriptural principal in action

4. Corresponding- verses which quote another verse or refer to some event found in scripture

D. Record conclusions- Relate the verse to the rest of the chapter, book or Bible.

3. Outline the passage.

Title of passage

1. Main point #1
-subpoints

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4. Do a topical study on one of the topics in the chapter.

5. Investigate the character and background of people mentioned in the chapter.

6. Make up an illustration of a truth found in the passage.

7. Plan how you could share the principles in the passage with someone else.

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