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Step II: What does this text mean to me?

Step III. How can I apply this text to my life?

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**Sample Bible Study Chart (Devotional)**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bible Text: Psalms 10:1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Bible Study Method(s): Inductive ( 1 or 2 ) / Associative / **Devotional**

**Step I: What does this text mean?**

When David is suffering, he does not feel the presence of God. David believes that God forsakes him in times of trouble. Even though David prays for God’s favor, God seems far away. In reality, David has moved away from God. His sin has separated him from God (Isaiah 59: 1-2). To be near to God, David must remove sin from his life.

**Step II: What does this text mean to me?**

Like David, I am sometimes far from God. But God does not move. This means that I have moved. My sin separates me from God. More sin means more distance between me and God. Repentance and God’s forgiveness will remove sin and bring me back to God.

**Step III.** H**ow can I apply this text to my life?**

When I feel that God is far away from me, I must seek the cause of separation. What separates me from God? Is it my attitude? My work? My thoughts? The way I spend my leisure time? What must I do to come closer to God? What must I give up to regain God’s favor? I will ask God to answer these questions. Then I will do His will. David realized (Psalms 1:17) that God will eventually hear the prayer of the humble. My prayer will also be heard if I am serious about getting closer to God.

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