Date: \_\_\_ Bible Text: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Step I: What does this text mean?

Step II: What does this text mean to me?

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

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**Christian Growth Seminar**

***Creative Approaches to Bible Study***

**Why Study the Bible?**

Jesus said, “Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). God speaks to us through the Bible. As our Bible knowledge grows, we learn more about God’s nature, love, wisdom, and power to save. The Bible gives us hope, builds our faith, and guides us to heaven. Bible study helps us commune with God and teaches us the joy of Christian service. In God’s Word we can learn God’s will and avoid religious error. This is a growing process, “from milk to meat” (Heb. 5:14). In this seminar, we will approach Bible study as a spiritual exercise that leads to spiritual growth.

**Focus of the Bible Study Seminar**

1) Lectures will inform us about the origin, purpose, and composition of the Bible. 2) In group discussions we will explore Bible study methods that encourage us to read our Bibles regularly, systematically, and reverently. 3) A three-week period of focused Bible study follows the seminar. 4) After the reading phase, we will reconvene to exchange Bible study experiences.

**Methods of Bible Study.**

Some popular methods of Bible study are described on pages 3-7. Several Bible texts appropriate for this seminar are listed on page 8. You may choose other texts if you wish. For each day of the three-week practical phase, you can make notes about your daily Bible study. Write down what God has said to you through the passage you have read. Sample Bible study charts are given on pages 9-11.

We wish you success in your Bible study. May you grow closer to God through your study of His Holy Word.

**Bible Study Seminar Schedule**

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**Practical Bible Study Phase / / to / /**

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