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The Journey Begins

The lessons you are about to engage are meant to strengthen your biblical knowledge, understanding, and application. Studying the culture, land, language, and other background information will produce a broader and deeper understanding of what Scripture is saying to you. These lessons are intended to help provide this.

The lesson format is built on the following five questions that will help you explore the biblical author's intent, your perspective as a modern reader, and how the Holy Spirit can apply the content to you:

1. What did this Scripture mean to the original author and audience?
2. What does this Scripture mean to me today?
3. How can this Scripture apply to my life?
4. How does this Scripture deepen my love for God?
5. How can I demonstrate this Scripture to my family and those around me?

These questions provide the foundation for every lesson, which is divided into four sections: The Author's Lens, My Lens, The Holy Spirit's Lens, and Upward and Outward Focus. These sections will encourage you to wrestle with the text and discover a deeper biblical understanding that will allow you to rightly apply what you've learned. If you have a *Fire Bible®: English Standard Version®*, there is a section that allows you to engage with your *Fire Bible®*.

These lessons utilize several resources to provide you with an in-depth study. While it is not required to purchase all of them, for the most optimal study experience we recommend purchasing the following:

- *Fire Bible®: English Standard Version®*
- Journal
- Colored Pencils
- Fine Point Pen

The ultimate goal of these lessons is to equip you to ascertain what the Holy Spirit and God's Word is saying to you. To do that, it's recommended that you work slowly and methodically through this deep dive into the Scripture.



For Group Leaders

If you intend to use this material in a group format, below are some tips to help you better utilize these lessons in that setting.

- Determine who will be the group leader. The leader will be responsible for making any copies needed, coordinating meeting times, and facilitating discussions.
- The group leader should select individuals to read aloud The Author's Lens and My Lens sections.
- Before a session begins, the group leader should read through the questions in The Holy Spirit's Lens section. Many lessons have more content than can be covered in one session, so the leader may choose to engage only some of the questions or assign group members to work through them before arrival.
- If your group is very large, dividing into groups of three or four people is the best way to work through selected questions from The Holy Spirit's Lens for thirty to forty minutes. These groups should also commit to work together throughout the week.
- If you've divided into smaller groups, rejoin the entire group together after the small group time. Discuss as a large group a few of the selected questions from The Holy Spirit's Lens for ten to fifteen minutes.
- Finally, the leader is responsible to hold group members accountable for completing the Scripture reading before each session and ensuring that they are writing in their journals.



Lesson and Scripture Checklist

- Lesson 1: Introduction
- Lesson 2: James 1:1-6
- Lesson 3: James 1:7-12
- Lesson 4: James 1:13-18
- Lesson 5: James 1:19-27
- Lesson 6: James 2:1-13
- Lesson 7: James 2:14-26
- Lesson 8: James 3:1-12
- Lesson 9: James 3:13-18
- Lesson 10: James 4:1-10
- Lesson 11: James 4:11-17
- Lesson 12: James 5:1-11
- Lesson 13: James 5:12-20