KJV VISUALIZED / THE SERMON TOOLKIT

Read. Notice. Respond.

A practical Bible study companion for one passage and one faithful next step

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Before you begin

For individual adults, family facilitators and small-group leaders. This original worksheet companion uses passage references rather than reproducing a Bible edition. Open the linked KJV reader alongside it. Distinguish what the passage says, your interpretation, and the action you choose.

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Choose a manageable passage

Start with Mark 4:35-41 or James 1:19-27. Read the surrounding chapter before isolating a sentence. Write the passage reference, who is speaking, who is listening, and what happens immediately before and after it. A small passage read carefully is more useful than a large passage rushed.

Reference / setting / speaker / listeners / question I bring

Observe before explaining

List repeated words, contrasts, commands and questions. Mark what you can point to directly in the passage. Keep an unanswered question as a question; uncertainty does not need to become a confident claim.

Three observations / the verse supporting each / one unanswered question

Make a context map

Use the book introduction and surrounding chapters to locate the passage. Separate details explicitly present in the text from background supplied by a study source. If two sources disagree, record the difference.

Book / surrounding movement / source / what remains uncertain

Compare carefully

A cross-reference can illuminate a shared theme without making two situations identical. For James 1, compare the discussion of speech in James 3. Explain the connection in a sentence and name one difference.

First passage / second passage / shared theme / important difference

Separate text and response

Use three columns in your notes: observation, interpretation, application. For example, an instruction to listen can prompt a personal listening practice; your chosen practice is an application, not an extra verse.

What I observed / what I think it means / the response I choose

Build a discussion

Invite each reader to bring one observation and one question. Let people pass. Ask where the group sees a claim in the text. Resist turning someone else's difficult experience into the illustration for your lesson.

Opening question / text question / optional reflection / closing action

Plan the next seven days

Choose one specific practice connected to the passage. Make it small enough to complete, name when you will try it, and decide what honest reflection would look like afterward. This is a learning plan, not a promise of a particular spiritual outcome.

Practice / day and time / support needed / what I noticed afterward

Return and review

Reread the passage after a week. Note what became clearer and what needs more study. Keep questions of doctrine or pastoral care with an appropriately qualified leader. Share encouragement without presenting your interpretation as universal pastoral authority.

New observation / unresolved question / next passage / person to ask

Keep the next step useful

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