

Chapter Summary

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I. Introduction.

- A. The secret of good Bible study is learning to ask the right kind of questions.
- B. A chapter summary involves gaining a general understanding of the contents of a chapter by reading it through at least five times, asking a set of content questions, and summarizing the central thoughts of the passage.
- C. Chapter divisions are not inspired, but they are usually helpful.

II. Read the chapter through at least five times.

- A. Read it in different translations.
- B. Read it through in a Bible without notes.
- C. Read it aloud but quietly if you have trouble with concentration.

III. After reading.

- A. Caption: give a short title.
- B. Contents: describe, summarize, paraphrase, list or outline the chapter contents.
- C. Characters: who the main people are and why.
- D. Choice words: write down important words used repeatedly.
- E. Challenges: any difficulties one does not understand, personal or possible.
- F. Christ seen: what one can learn about the nature of Jesus and God.
- G. Scriptural lessons: what the basic lessons are in the chapter.
- H. Conclusion: this is some form of application.

IV. Example: Luke 15.

Application questions:

1. Why is it helpful to read a Bible chapter over in different translations?

2. What is the value of a chapter Bible study?

3. Why should every good Bible study end with some form of application? Explain.
