Find Your Pearls

Digging for Treasure in the New Testament

Sup with Me Series

"Sup with Me" is a series of Bible Study Journals developed by Helena Filmalter

- PDF format available for FREE
- Print your own for individual use, small groups, women's groups & church use
- Useful as a home school Bible module

How to Print:

- Print at 100% scale on letter size paper
- Print double-sided
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Welcome to "Find Your Pearls"

"Find Your Pearls" was developed for the joy of the Word and for the joy that comes from time spent with Him. It is to foster a love and understanding of the Word of God. It is to see Jesus in the Word, and to know Him better. It is to look with fresh eyes, to dig with new tools, to breathe new life into daily routine and to build a love that lasts. The method is simple and works very well for any New Testament book. There are 50 worksheets in this journal, enough to do the Gospel of John. John is always a good book to start with!

In developing "Find Your Pearls", I had these goals in mind:

- Absolutely everyone can participate with confidence, including new believers and seekers
- It's easy for the leader: there's no burden of preparation, because everyone contributes
- Everyone has the joy of discovery *and* the joy of sharing
- Participants could join at any time
- Suitable for group and individual study
- All will know Jesus better as our knowledge of the Scriptures grows

To sum up the method, read the Bible portion and write:

- Favorite Verse
- Three More Notable Verse
- Cross-Reference your Favorite Verse
- My Jesus Library: 4 or 5 bullet points about Jesus
- Pick a Verse to Pray

"Find Your Pearls" has been used with great success among both mature and very new believers. The method is not based on prior knowledge – anyone can pick a verse they like! And God speaks to everyone through His powerful Word.

Helena Filmalter

Come Sup with Him!

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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		1	John 1:1-18
		2	John 1:19-34
		3	John 1:35-51
		4	John 2:1-25
		5	John 3:1-21
		6	John 3:22-36
		7	John 4:1-26
		8	John 4:27-42
		9	John 4:43 – 5:15
		10	John 5:16-30
		11	John 5:31-47
		12	John 6:1-24
		13	John 6:25-40
		14	John 6:41-59
		15	John 6:60-70
		16	John 7:1-24
		17	John 7:25-44
		18	John 7:45 – 8:11
		19	John 8:12-30
		20	John 8:31-47
		21	John 8:48 – 9:12
		22	John 9:13 - 41
		23	John 10:1-21
		24	John 10:22-42
		25	John 11:1-37

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		27	John 12:1-19
		28	John 12:20-36
		29	John 12:37-50
		30	John 13:1-17
		31	John 13:18-38
		32	John 14:1-14
		33	John 14:15-31
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		35	John 15:18-27
		36	John 16:1-16
		37	John 16:17-33
		38	John 17:1-10
		39	John 17:11-19
		40	John 17:20-26
		41	John 18:1-14
		42	John 18:15-27
		43	John 18:28-40
		44	John 19:1-16a
		45	John 19:16b-42
		46	John 20:1-18
		47	John 20:19-31
		48	John 21:1-25

How To Do It

STEP 1: Read the Daily Portion

The Gospel of John is a great book to start with. As you read the passage, underline (or mark in the margin) whatever verses you find meaningful or interesting as you go along. If a verse really stands out, make a special mark in the margin.
If you're working on your phone, highlight the verses.

STEP 2: Favorite Verse

This is whatever verse you liked best. It is completely subjective to what you liked that day. On a different day, you might like another verse.

Write it out word for word. As the verse is flowing slowly though your pen, every word comes into focus. It often happens that new angles of insight open up as you write.

STEP 3: Three More Notable Verses

Think of these as filling out your string of pearls. There's just so much good stuff! Write out all three verses word for word.

STEP 3: Cross-Reference your "Favorite Verse"

Cross-referencing is a way to open up a theme, not a test to see how well you know your Bible. Use all the resources at your disposal. An internet search (Google or Safari) is often easier and gives more targeted results than a Bible app.

- Sometimes you already have a verse in mind for the cross-reference, but you don't know chapter and verse. Look it up on the internet by typing what you know of the verse into the search bar of your browser (Google or Safari)
- Take a word or concept out of your "Favorite Verse" and search online, e.g. "verses about light"
- The cross-reference verse can come from anywhere in the Bible, Old or New Testament

STEP 4: My Jesus Library

Write 4 or 5 bullet points about Jesus from the passage, e.g. Jesus is...

STEP 5: Pick a Verse to Pray

Write out the verse you would like to pray - this can be any verse, even one you have picked already. Use it in the time of ministry that follows a group study and in your personal prayer life.

How to Lead a Group Study

[31] Make a lampstand of pure gold and hammer it out, base and shaft; its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms
shall be of one piece with it. **[32] Six branches are to extend from the sides of the lampstand–three on one**
side and three on the other. [33] Three cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms are to be on
one branch, three on the next branch, and the same for all six branches extending from the lampstand. [34] And
on the lampstand there are to be four cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms. [35] One bud
shall be under the first pair of branches extending from the lampstand, a second bud under the second pair,
and a third bud under the third pair–six branches in all. **[36] The buds and branches shall all be of one piece**
with the lampstand, hammered out of pure gold. [37] Then make its seven lamps and set them up on it so
that they light the space in front of it. [38] Its wick trimmers and trays are to be of pure gold. [39] A talent of pure
gold is to be used for the lampstand and all these accessories. [40] See that you make them according to the
pattern shown you on the mountain. Exodus 25:31-40

As described above, the Golden Lampstand was beautifully fashioned in one piece from pure hammered gold. The total light came from *seven* lamps. This is a picture of a group Bible Study where everyone has something to share from the Word. Everyone is contributing to the light by sharing from the verses they found. Lives are shared, spiritual bonds are formed and each one is built up by what they *share* and by what they *receive.*

Study as a Group Together

(The No Homework Version)

This is a great way to introduce the method to a group. After the group leader explains the method, the group will do Day 1 (John 1:1-18) and then share in smaller groups.

- Create a comfortable place to write, either seated at tables, or by having a clipboard, tray or hard placemat on your lap
- Ask someone in the group to read the whole portion out loud
- The next 30 minutes is spent where everyone quietly reads the passage and completes the journal page
- Once the work is done, it's time to share: This is where the group comes alive!
- Divide into smaller groups (4's) for sharing; each group has a leader

- Going around in a circle, each one shares their “Favorite Verse” and talks a little about it. What do they like about the verse? What stands out to them? What touched their heart? What is the insight they gained?
- In the same way, do the “Three Notable Verses”, one at a time, going around the circle three times
- Now everyone shares how they Cross-Referenced their Favorite Verse
- My Jesus Library: Pack a quick punch by taking turns to read all the bullet points without interruption
- End with a time of ministry. Now is the time for the Verses Picked for Prayer to come into action

Some groups continue in this way. Busy moms or career women might not have time for homework, but still want to study and share when they get together.

Daily Devotion at Home

(Homework Alert!)

With this way of doing things, the group as a whole decides on how many days to do “Find Your Pearls” as a devotion at home. It all depends on the consensus in the group: 2 or 3 days, maybe more. It takes about 20 to 30 minutes a day.

Find a time and a place that works for you. I’m not a morning person, so I usually work evenings on the couch in the living room. It’s easy for me to tune out the TV and get completely absorbed in what I am doing, but still be part of the family. Others prefer a quiet morning routine. Whatever works for you, find a place and a time. Pray and talk to the Lord as you go along.

Now, when the group comes together:

- The work has already been done; everyone comes prepared
- There should be enough time to share at least 2 days
- If the group as a whole does more than 2 days at home, each small group can pick which 2 days to share at their table. It does not have to be the same at every table. The big idea is that everyone is eating and drinking from the same book of the Bible and the Holy Spirit is making the Word alive to all
- Share in the same way as explained before, going around in a circle verse by verse.

Enjoy as You Sup with Him

Thy Word

is a lamp unto my feet

and a light unto my path

Psalm 119:105

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