

MASTER THE CONTENT OF SCRIPTURE



The Book of 2nd John

(Observe, Interpret, Apply & Go)

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Observe, Interpret & Apply

In our studies of the Bible, we will be using an inductive approach. This approach is a fun and exciting way to study the Bible! It's like being a detective. Instead of starting with a conclusion, you look at the details and clues in the text to discover the meaning for yourself.

Here's how you can do it:

1. **Observation:** First, you look closely at the Bible passage. You pay attention to:

- a. Who is in the story
- b. What is happening
- c. Where it is taking place
- d. When it is happening
- e. Why things are happening
- f. How they are happening.

You write down or make a mental note of all the details you notice.

2. **Interpretation:** Next, you try to understand what those details mean.

- a. You think about why the characters did what they did
- b. You think about what the important words and phrases mean.
- c. You may need to look up some words or ask questions to understand better.

3. **Application:** Finally, you think about how the story applies to our lives. What truth does it communicate?

- a. What does it teach us about God?
- b. What does it teach us about ourselves?
- c. What action (s) does it call us to take?

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CHAPTER ONE

Summary of Chapter

2 John is a brief letter from the Apostle John addressing the "chosen lady" and her children, commending them for their faithfulness and love. John warns against deceivers who deny the truth of Christ's coming in the flesh. He urges his readers to remain steadfast in the teachings of Christ and not to welcome or support those who spread false doctrine. The letter emphasizes walking in truth and love, and John expresses a desire to visit them soon for a more personal discussion.

Opening Question

How can we discern between true and false teachings in today's world?

Outline

1. **Greeting and Commendation** (2 John 1-3)
 - John greets the chosen lady and her children with love and truth.
 - He commends them for their faithfulness and adherence to the truth.
 - **Application Question:** How can we show love and truth in our interactions with others?
2. **Warning Against Deceivers** (2 John 4-11)
 - John warns about deceivers who deny Christ's incarnation.
 - He instructs not to welcome or support such deceivers.
 - **Application Question:** What are some practical ways to avoid supporting false teachings?
3. **Conclusion and Personal Notes** (2 John 12-13)

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- John expresses a desire to visit in person and continue teaching.
 - He sends greetings from the children of your chosen sister.
 - **Application Question:** How can we prepare ourselves to receive biblical teaching and correction?
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Possible Activities

1. Memory Verse Challenge

- Have students memorize 2 John 6: "And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments." Challenge them to recite it by the next class.

2. Role Playing Activity

- Create a scenario where students role-play a conversation between someone who is spreading false teachings and a believer who is discerning the truth. Discuss how to handle such situations.

3. Discussion Activity

- Facilitate a group discussion on how to recognize and confront false teachings in their own lives and in their community.
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Quiz

1. Who is the letter of 2 John addressed to?
 - A. The chosen lady and her children
 - B. The church in Ephesus
 - C. The elders of the church
 - D. The apostles
2. What does John commend the chosen lady for?
 - A. Her generosity

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- B. Her faithfulness and love
 - C. Her wealth
 - D. Her knowledge of the Scriptures
3. What should be done with deceivers who deny Christ's coming in the flesh?
- A. Welcome them into your home
 - B. Support their ministry
 - C. Avoid them and do not support them
 - D. Ignore them
4. What does John desire to do at the end of the letter?
- A. Write another letter
 - B. Visit them in person
 - C. Send a gift
 - D. Disband the church
5. How does John describe the truth in the greeting?
- A. As a guideline
 - B. As a commandment
 - C. As something that lives in us and will be with us forever
 - D. As a new revelation
6. What does walking in truth involve according to 2 John?
- A. Following personal beliefs
 - B. Obeying the commandments of Christ
 - C. Attending church regularly
 - D. Reading the Bible daily
7. How should believers react to false teachings?
- A. Engage in debates
 - B. Ignore them
 - C. Confront and refute them
 - D. Support their spread
8. Who sends greetings in the conclusion of the letter?

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- A. John's family
 - B. The children of your chosen sister
 - C. The elders
 - D. The apostles
9. What is the main theme of 2 John?
- A. The importance of faith
 - B. The necessity of love and truth
 - C. The power of prayer
 - D. The history of the early church
10. What aspect of love does John emphasize?
- A. Emotional affection
 - B. Walking according to God's commandments
 - C. Social justice
 - D. Personal sacrifice

Answers:

- 1. A
- 2. B
- 3. C
- 4. B
- 5. C
- 6. B
- 7. C
- 8. B
- 9. B
- 10. B

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Fill in the Blank

1. The letter of 2 John is addressed to the _____ and her children.
2. John commends them for their _____ and love.
3. He warns against _____ who deny Christ's coming in the flesh.
4. Believers are instructed not to _____ or support such deceivers.
5. John expresses a desire to _____ in person.

Answers:

1. chosen lady
2. faithfulness
3. deceivers
4. welcome
5. visit

Vocabulary Words

1. Deceiver

- Definition: One who misleads or deceives others.
- Greek: ψευδάδελφος (pseudadelphos) - false brother.

2. Commandments

- Definition: Orders or instructions given by a higher authority.
- Greek: ἐντολὴ (entolē) - order, command.

3. Truth

- Definition: That which is in accordance with fact or reality.
- Greek: ἀλήθεια (alētheia) - truth, reality.