

BONUS

Verse Study Workbook

Four printable templates plus a fully worked example, so you can turn any Greek insight into careful study, honest teaching, and real prayer.

Included

Context-first study

Yours to keep

BENEATH THE TEXT



VERSE STUDY
WORKBOOK

PRACTICE

The Word-to-Worship Template

This is the master template: the same rhythm as your Starter Kit, with lines to hold your thinking. Print a stack; use one page per word. The last three lines are the ones most study notes skip, and they're the reason this template exists.

Verse:

Greek word:

Transliteration:

Plain gloss:

Immediate context:

Theological payoff:

Devotional application:

Bad word-study guardrail:

What I should not claim:

Prayer or worship response:

A Worked Example: χάριτι in Ephesians 2:8

Here's the template filled in, line by line, so you can see what good looks like before you face a blank page. Notice how short the answers are. Careful is not the same as long.

Verse: Ephesians 2:8: “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”

Greek word: χάριτί (in the phrase τῇ γὰρ χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι).

Transliteration: chariti.

Plain gloss: “by grace”: God's generous, undeserved action.

Immediate context: Ephesians 2:1–10. I was dead in sins (v.1); God, rich in mercy, made me alive with Christ (vv.4–5); saved by grace through faith, as a gift, for good works (vv.8–10). The paragraph is rescue from start to finish.

Theological payoff: Salvation is God's gift, not my wage. “You have been saved” is a completed standing that still stands. Settled, not provisional.

Devotional application: I will stop treating today's quiet time as a payment and start treating it as a thank-you. Same chair, different heart.

Bad word-study guardrail: Don't claim that word order or verb tense alone “proves” the doctrine. The whole paragraph carries it; the grammar confirms it.

What I should not claim: that grace means God ignores sin (v.5 says I was *dead* in it; grace raised me, it didn't excuse me), or that faith is my contribution that earns the rest (v.8: “not your own doing”).

Prayer or worship response: “Father, I have been saved. Your words, your tense, your gift. Today I serve you out of fullness, not for it. Amen.”

Small Group Prep Sheet

For the night you're leading. Fill it out the day before, not in the car.

Passage:

Opening question:

Original-language observation:

Context anchor:

Doctrine or theme:

Group discussion prompt:

Common overclaim to avoid:

Prayer direction:

Sermon or Teaching Note

For anything you'll say out loud to people who trust you. The line "What I will not say" is your integrity in writing. Fill it in every time.

Main point of the passage:

Where the Greek helps:

How I will explain it simply:

What I will not say:

Cross-reference:

Pastoral application:

One sentence people can remember:

Weekly Recap

Sunday evening, five minutes. This page is where a week of word studies becomes a record of God's faithfulness you can reread in a dry season.

This week's word:

What I learned about God:

What I learned about the gospel:

What I need to obey or believe:

One question to keep studying:

How to Run This in a Small Group

The workbook turns a quiet discipline into a shared one. A few things we've learned about doing it with others:

1. **Everyone gets the same word.** Hand out one template and one verse a week ahead. The magic of group night is comparing what different eyes saw in the same context line.
2. **Read the "What I should not claim" lines out loud first.** It sounds backwards, but starting with the guardrails frees people to share boldly. Nobody's worried about saying something off the rails, because the rails are already on the table.
3. **Let the quietest person read the prayer lines.** The template ends in worship; let someone who never leads aloud lead there. Written prayers are training wheels for spoken ones.
4. **Keep it to one word a night.** The temptation is to cover more. Resist it. One word, weighed and prayed, will outlast five words surveyed.
5. **Close by asking: "What did this verse give you for Tuesday?"** Not Sunday. Tuesday. The workbook exists for the ordinary days.