

Word Study Process

Step One: Choose Words from the Passage to Study

We do not need to do an in-depth study of every word in the Bible. Sometimes the meaning of a word is obvious. For example, when the Bible says that David picked up five stones (1 Samuel 17:40), we do not need to study the word *stone* to find its meaning.

To choose words to study, look for:

- Words that are significant for the meaning of the passage
- Repeated words
- Figures of speech
- Words that are unclear or difficult

► Read Romans 12:1-2 and circle important words for study. Beside the word, mark the reason you are choosing the word:

- 1 = Significant word
- 2 = Repeated word
- 3 = Figure of speech
- 4 = Unclear or difficult word

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.