EXPLORING THE BIBLE | 3 • VERSE MAPPING

SMALL GROUP STUDY | EASTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

WEEK 3: Exploring the Bible | Verse Mapping

 Share what you learned checking out different Bible versions? Did you pick a favorite or two?

Play teaching video for Week 3.

Begin by inviting the Holy Spirit to grant you the wisdom and perspective to see what God wants to reveal to you as you study his Word.

- You Tube
- Vimeo

Discussion Questions

- Diana read John 16:33 (NASB): "These things I have spoken to you so that in Me you
 may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome
 the world."
 - We saw that the word "peace" here means quietness, rest, with the sense of a tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ. How does knowing that Jesus has overcome the world get you through troubles you face in life? Share an example.
- Let's go through another verse-mapping exercise together. Go to blueletterbible.com. Read Philippains 1:6 in the NASB20 version.

"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work [fn]among you will complete it [fn]by the day of Christ Jesus."

- Write out the verse using the worksheet or a plain piece of paper.
- Circle key words.
- What keywords did you circle? Look them up in the Strong's Concordance.
 (Remember that Strong's references the NASB and the KJV.)

- Take a look at those verses in other translations for comparison:
 - New Living Translation (NLT): "And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."
 - The Message (MSG): "Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's Message, from the day you heard it right up to the present. There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears."

Now, as a group go through Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How:
Who:

What:

Where:

Why:

Summary/Application - Write out a summary of what this means? How can you apply this to your life?

Prayer

Take time to share prayer requests.

Spend time praying for each other and invite the Holy Spirit to guide you as you spend time studying the Bible.

Going Deeper | Put into Practice

• Pick a verse to verse map this week. Use the Verse Mapping working and do a section each day. Be prepared to share with the group what you learned about the verse(s) you choose and how you can apply it to your life.