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Small Group Bible Study

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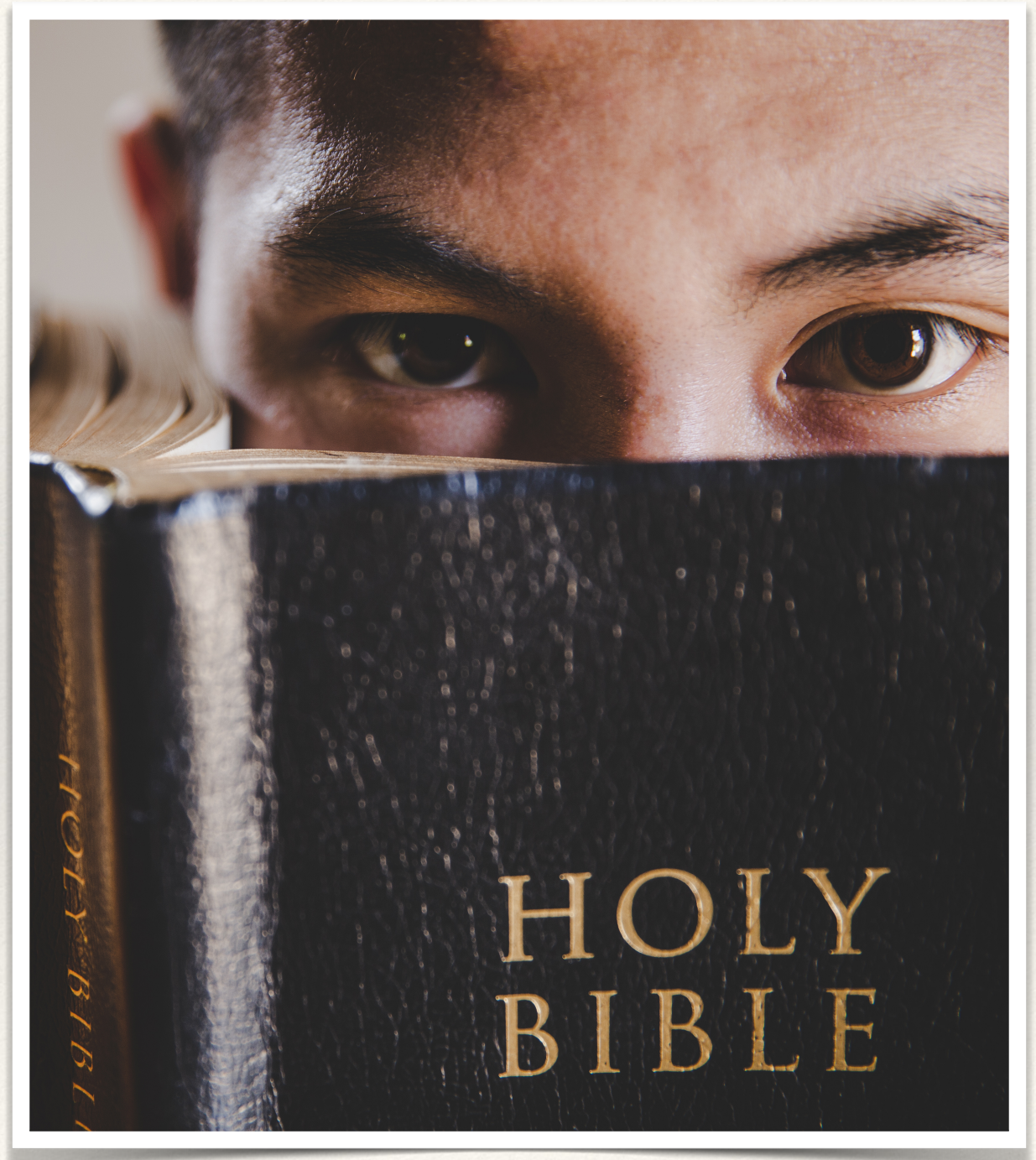
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Can you guess some small groups
that appear in the Bible?

Small Groups In The Bible

- ❖ The Trinity
- ❖ Noah & his family
- ❖ Moses (he appointed leaders over groups)
- ❖ Daniel (& his friends)
- ❖ Jesus (& his disciples)



What is Small Group Bible Study?

I. Terms to discuss

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Key Terms

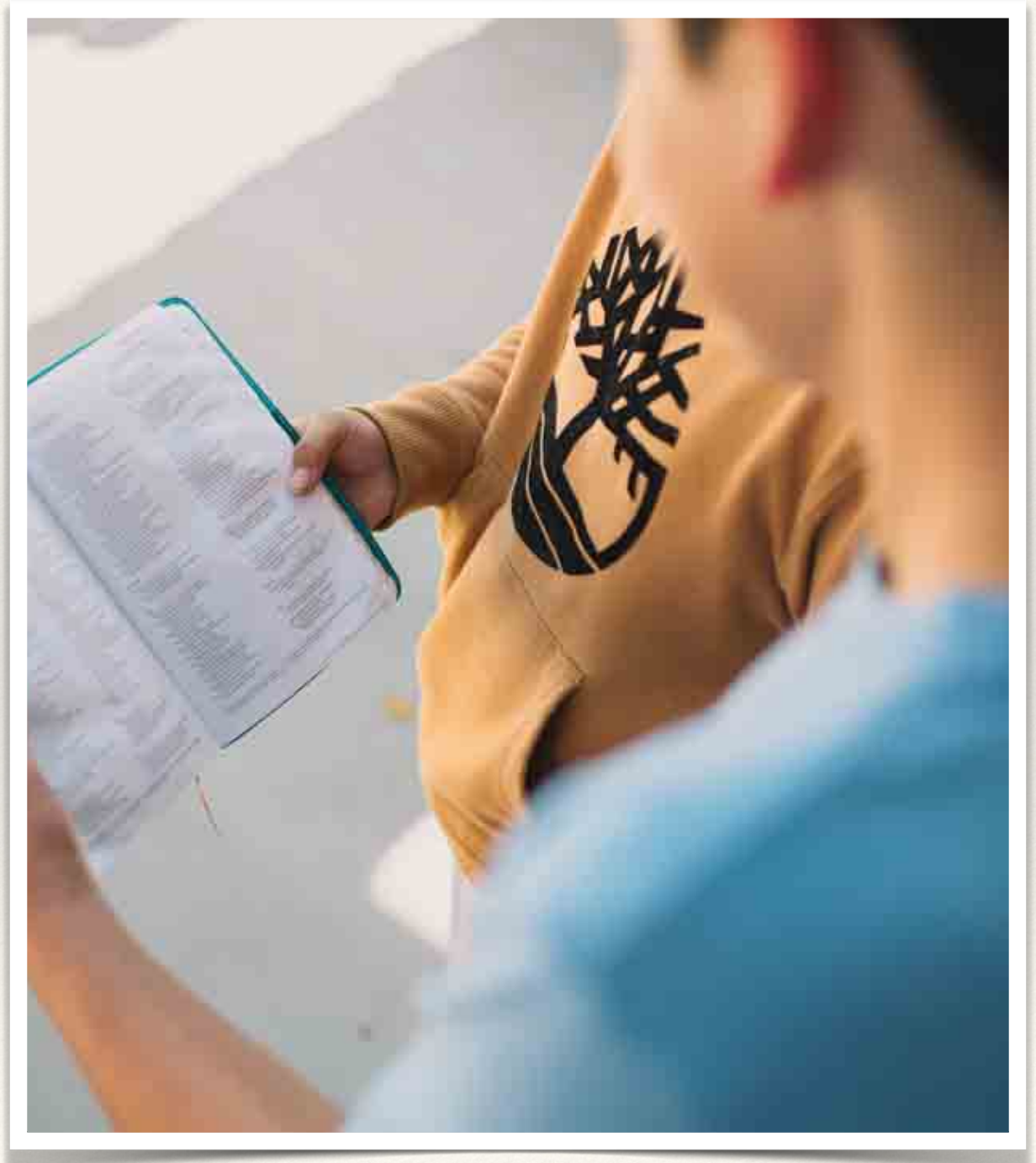
- ❖ Small Group Bible Study- A Small Group is an intentional gathering, meeting regularly for the purpose of joining God's mission.
- ❖ End Result- mature disciples who make other disciples.



Key Terms

❖ Small Group Bible Study-

- Facilitator/Group member setting
- Stories of Scripture and honest conversation
- Relationship driven/based on the needs of the group
- Discussion oriented
- Has a start date but no finish date
- A limited number of participants (3-15 is ideal)



Key Terms

Definitions & Discussion

- ❖ Personal Devotion- A designated space in time set aside for personal for spiritual growth through bible study, prayer, reflection, meditation, singing, and journaling etc.
- ❖ End Result- to gain a stronger authentic personal relationship with God.



Key Terms

Definitions & Discussion

- ❖ Corporate Worship- The joining together of congregants to offer outward expressions where by they declare God's worth, because of an inward sense of gratitude.
- ❖ End Result- Spiritual growth, community connection, etc.



Key Terms

❖ Corporate Worship-

- Organized program during a normal service
- The sermon is the climactic point of the service
- Digs deep into the Bible
- Subject driven/topical
- More lecture-oriented
- No maximum number of participants



Types of Small Groups

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Small Groups Types

Connection - a place for people to make relationships and offer entry points to further engage in the church community.

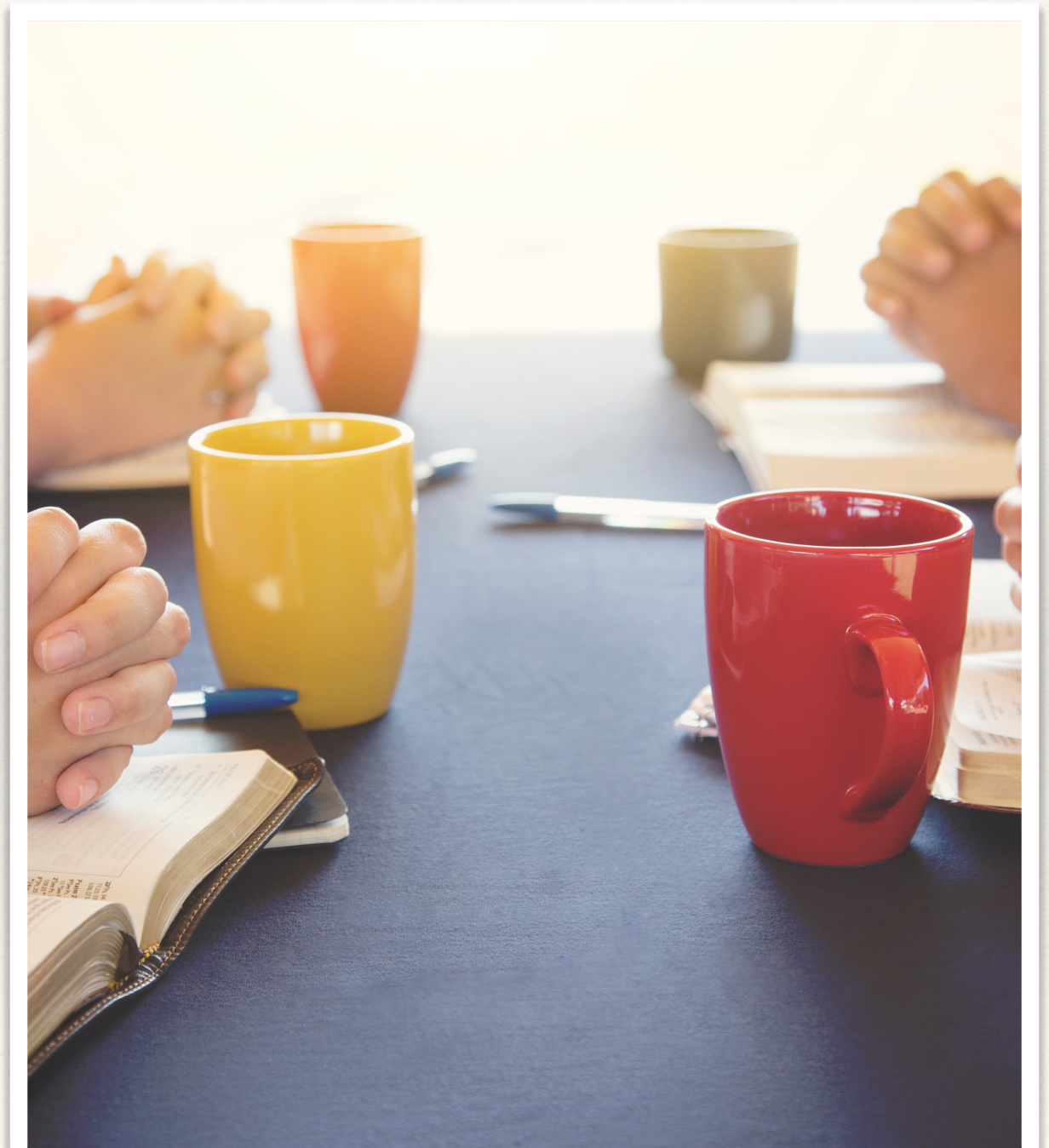
Life - holistic group that may attempt to more fully involve its members in each others lives.

Small - a contrast to the "large group" of the weekend worship gathering, the most general of terms.

Redemption - a recovery program for people with life controlling addiction and victims of trauma

MicroChurch - a coordinated church within a church that tries to increase the touchpoints of the larger church into the community.

Cell - focused on reproduction. As a cell grows and reproduces, the expectation is that these should do the same, generally "reproduction" is expected within a set timeframe.



What are some Bible Study tools?

II. Tools to discuss

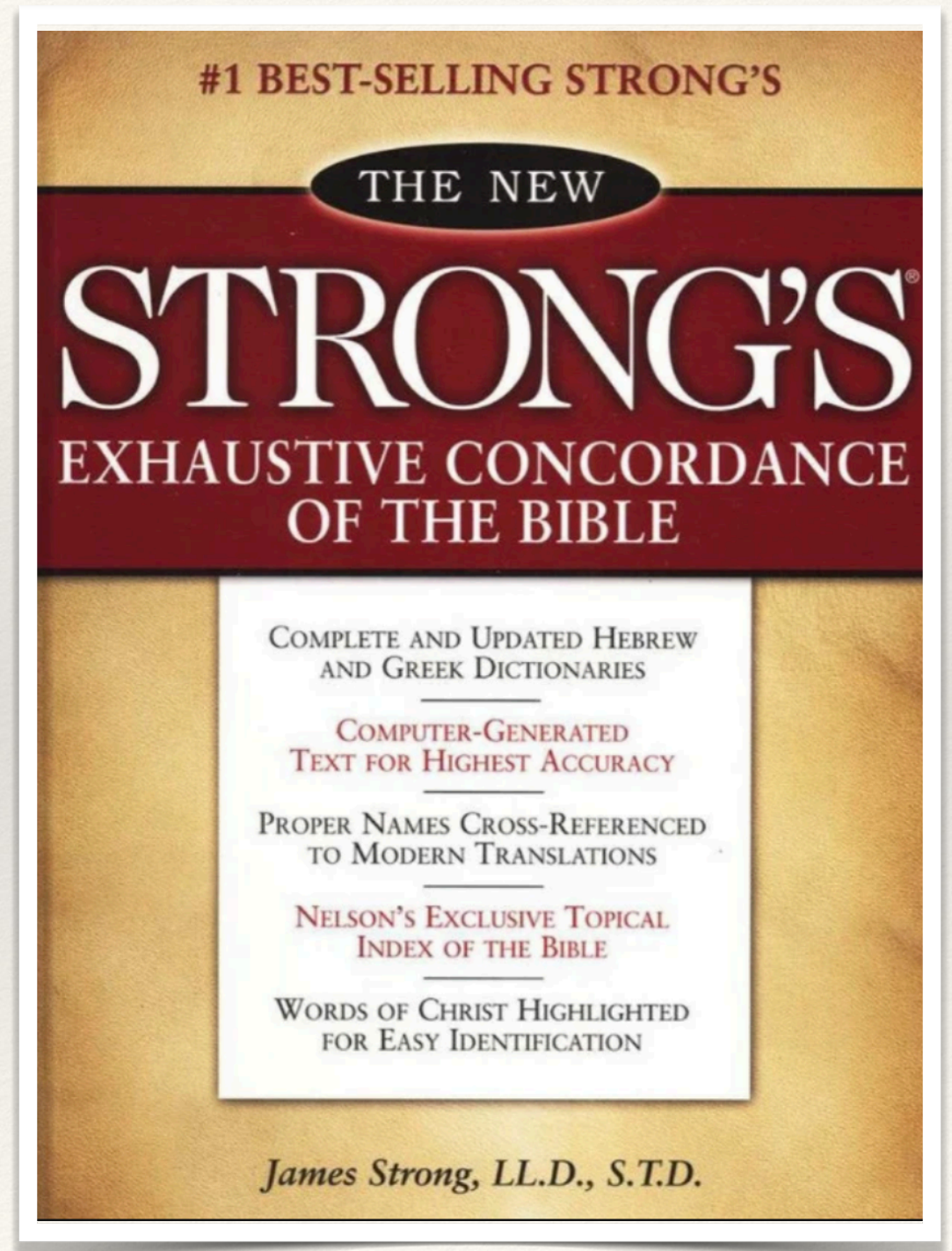
Key Tools

Concordance

- ❖ A concordance contains an alphabetical index of words used in the Bible and the main Bible references where the word occurs. A Bible concordance is useful in locating passages in the Bible. If you can remember just one word in a verse, you can often find what you're looking for.

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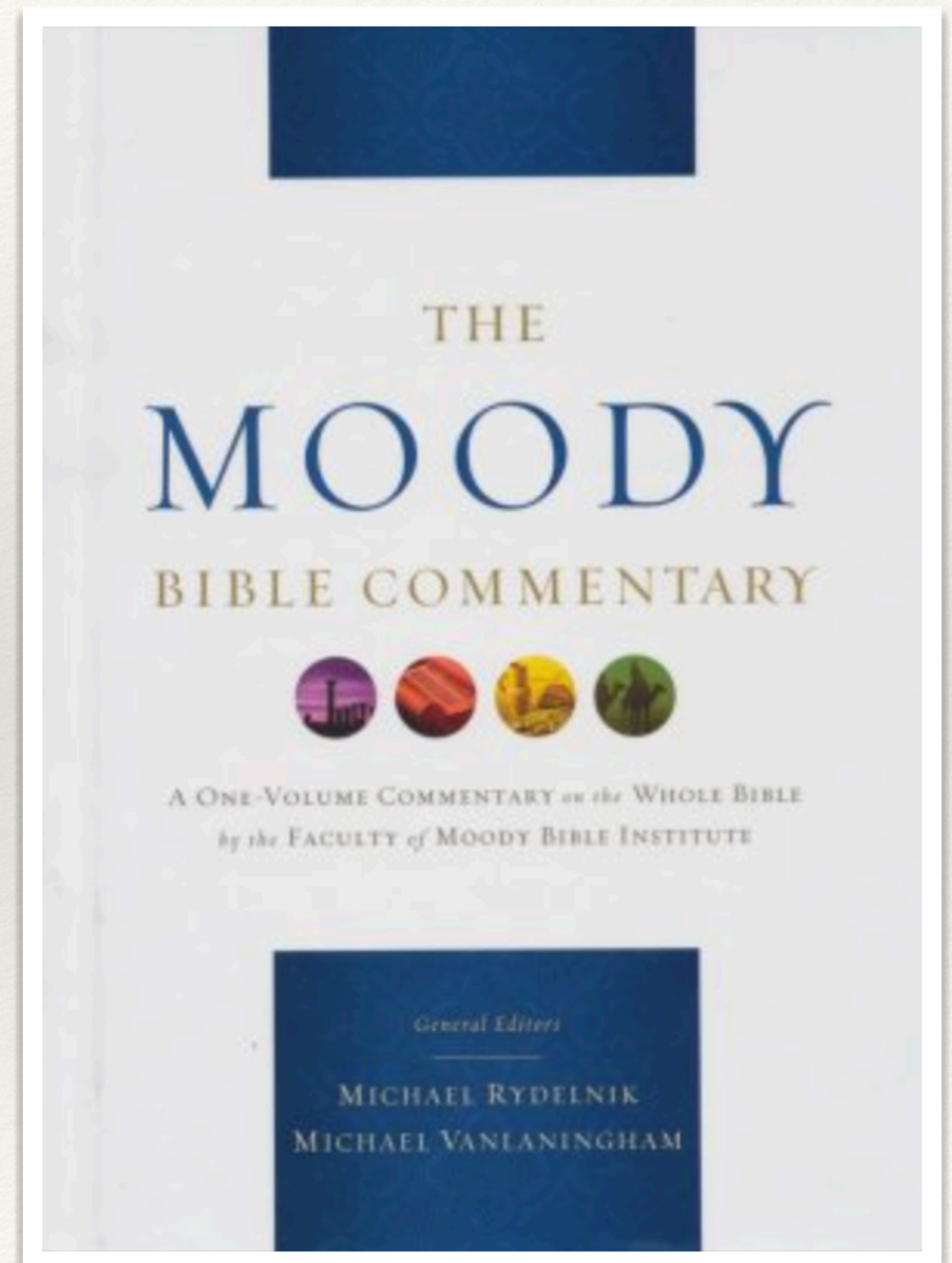
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Bible Commentary

A Bible commentary is a series of notes explaining the meaning of passages of Scripture. A commentary may explain the language used in a section of text. Or it may discuss the historical background. Almost all commentaries attempt to explain the passage in terms of some system of theology. In other words, the commentary is an explanation of how the Bible fits together and what it means. Since a Bible commentary is written by human authors, it will reflect the beliefs and perspective of those writers.

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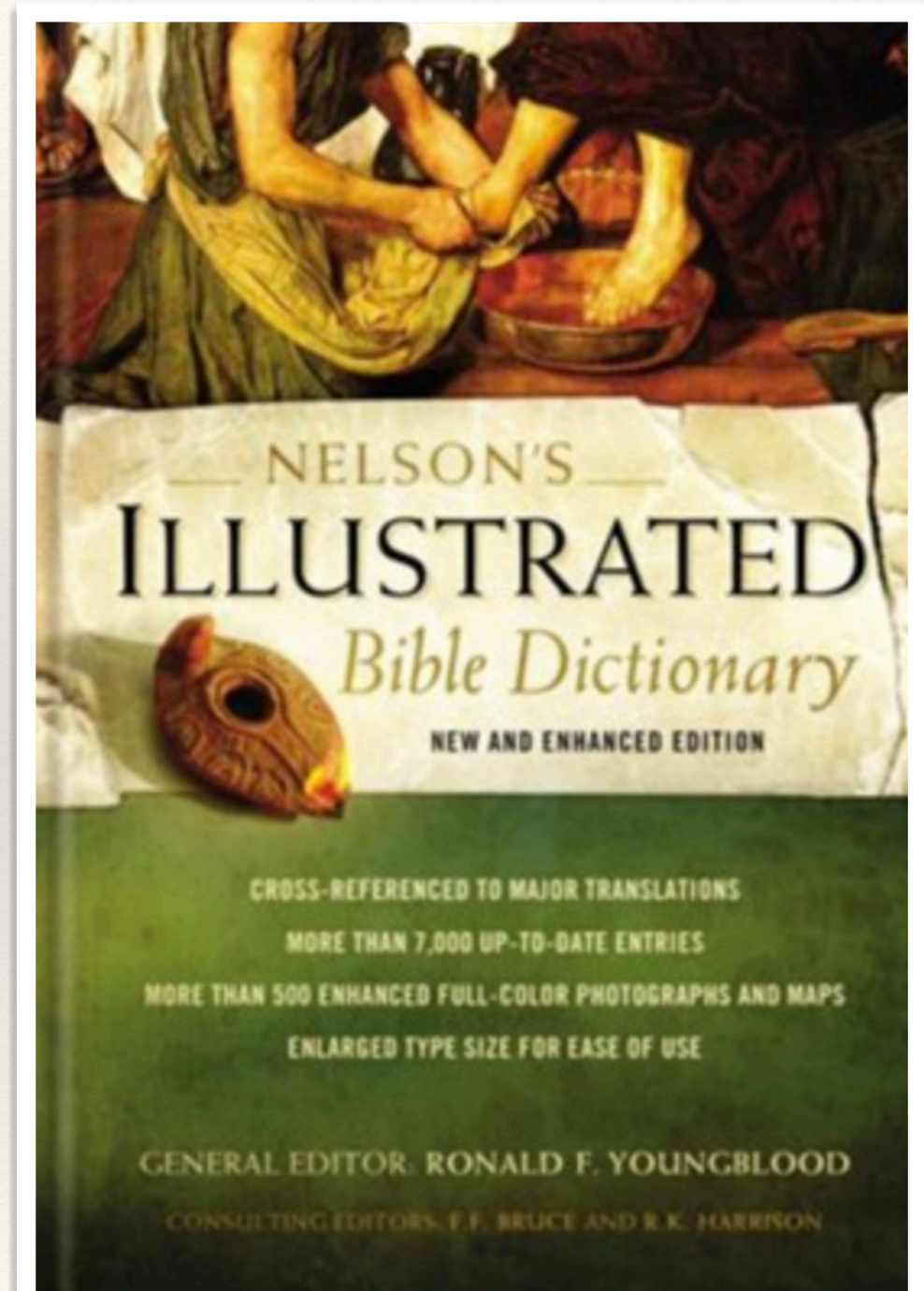
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Bible Dictionary

A Bible dictionary is a useful reference tool in studying the Bible. It contains definitions of key words found in Scripture. Bible dictionaries list all the major words in the Bible, such as people's names, places, concepts, animals, and plants. Bible dictionaries are usually based on specific translations.

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Why is Bible Study Essential?

Bible Study & The Development of the Christian Lifestyle

- ❖ Introduces us to God and His character
- ❖ God communicates to us through scripture
- ❖ We learn live a bible centered life through biblical teachings
- ❖ Our faith is increased through the accounts of biblical characters
- ❖ Provides us with essential answers to life



Why is prayer important prior to Bible Study?

Prayer Prior to Bible Study

- ❖ The Holy Spirit guides our thoughts and provides us with wisdom as we study.
- ❖ James 4:8 “Come near to God and He will come near to you.”



What are guidelines for success in Small
Groups

Guidelines for Small Groups

A. What happens in small group stays in small group.

Refrain from Gossip

Encourage a safe environment

B. Everyone gets a turn.

We will contribute to and be careful not to monopolize the discussions.

C. Don't take disagreements personally.

We will listen to each other with our eyes and heart, as well as ears.

D. Respect each others' time.

Come one time, and plan to end small groups by the scheduled time.

E. Do unto others.

We will be cautious about giving advice.

We will pray for each other.

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How can small group bible studies lead to
life changing experiences with God?

Small Groups & Life Changing Experiences with God

- ❖ Balanced Perspective
- ❖ Accountability
- ❖ Understanding
- ❖ Fellowship (Connection)
- ❖ Compassion (Community of Love)
- ❖ Encouragement
- ❖ Discipleship
- ❖ Friendships in Christ
- ❖ Teaches us to accept others



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