Bible Study Plan for Beginners

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- [ ] Start with Mark 1:1–20
  Observe how Mark introduces Jesus and how the first disciples respond. Write: who acts, what happens, and what is asked of the reader.
- [ ] Read Mark 2:1–17
  Compare the healing and meal scenes. Note who objects, how Jesus responds, and what these stories reveal about his ministry.
- [ ] Study Mark 4:1–34
  Read the parable of the sower in its context. Identify the image, Jesus' explanation and a question it raises.
- [ ] Read Mark 4:35–5:20
  Compare the storm and healing narratives. Track the reactions of witnesses and the repeated question of identity.
- [ ] Examine Mark 8:27–38
  Observe the exchange with Peter. Distinguish what Peter says from Jesus' teaching about discipleship.
- [ ] Read Mark 10:35–52
  Compare the request for status with Bartimaeus' appeal for mercy. Note how the passage defines greatness.
- [ ] Study Mark 14:32–72
  Follow Gethsemane, Jesus' arrest, and Peter's denials. Note contrasts between commitments and actions.
- [ ] Read Mark 15–16
  Follow crucifixion, burial and the empty tomb. Note that the textual ending of Mark varies in manuscript traditions.
- [ ] Explore Genesis 1–2
  Record the structure of creation and the portrait of humanity. Distinguish observations from contemporary assumptions.
- [ ] Study Genesis 12:1–9 and 15:1–6
  Observe the promises to Abram, his responses, and how the passages relate to the larger Genesis story.
- [ ] Read Psalm 23 and Psalm 51
  Compare trust, lament and confession. Note the imagery and setting of each prayer.
- [ ] Study Luke 10:25–37
  Read the parable of the Good Samaritan. Trace the question, story and concluding instruction.
- [ ] Study John 3:1–21
  Identify the dialogue with Nicodemus, major images and recurring themes of belief and life.
- [ ] Read Acts 2:1–47
  Observe the events at Pentecost, Peter's speech and the practices of the early community.
- [ ] Study Romans 8:1–17
  Mark the repeated language about Spirit, belonging and life. Check how the chapter builds on Paul's argument.
- [ ] Read James 1:19–27
  Observe how James relates listening, speech and action. Close your study by choosing a practice to revisit.