

Appendix 7: Bible Study for Congregational Decision-Making  
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1. Begin with prayer.
2. Read the text. (For this study, read either Matthew 11:2-6 or Luke 7:18-23.)
3. See – Ask what is happening in the text, why is it happening, and who is being affected.
4. Judge – Connect the passage with your life experience. Name what your values, your beliefs, and your faith say about this. Consider together what you think should be happening.
5. Act/Discern – Take a risk and name something in your life and community that this study has called you to address. Note what action you will take.
6. Close by sharing commitments and prayer.

As you are preparing your Bible study, remember:

- Pay attention to the people you are teaching.
- Pay attention to the text.
- Pay attention to the teaching process.