

Reference Materials for 2005 Teen Camp

REQUIRED for 1st or 2nd year students:

- Two Bibles, 1 NIV 1 KJV (any others are optional).
- English Concordance
- Greek Concordance
- Hebrew Concordance
- Greek Lexicon
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- Bible Atlas
- Bible Dictionary
- English Dictionary

REQUIRED for 3rd or more year student:

- Greek interlinear text

General information

Bible study materials are actually a little better for the King James Version than for the NIV because the KJV is a more literal translation. You can save money when buying books by ordering by phone or online from Christian Book Distributors (1 800 Christian or www.Christianbook.com). This is an investment that you will use these for years. I (John Schoenheit) am still regularly using a Greek lexicon I bought in 1971.

Please choose your books from the list below. If you are going to bring different materials, please ask John. They will probably be okay, it is just that we have had some people bring things that are too difficult for them to use, etc.

Bibles:

Bring 2 Bibles. A *New International Version* and a King James Version.

English Concordances:

You will use a numbering system to access the Hebrew and Greek, and the easiest and most accurate numbering system is based on the *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, so I recommend one of those. If you have a *Young's*, make sure it is a newer one with the Strong's numbering system in it.

You can use the *NIV Exhaustive*, or the *New American Standard Exhaustive*, etc, but you will have a harder time in your study unless your entire system uses the books based on that numbering system, which I do not recommend. The *NIV Exhaustive* uses the Goodrick/Kohlenberger numbering system and does have an appendix that allows you to get Strong's numbers, but it can slow down the study process. Make sure the concordance is "exhaustive" or "complete." I really recommend owning and bringing 2 Concordances—both a Strong's concordance and the concordance to the Bible you use the most.

Zondervan has just printed a larger print *Strongest Strong's*. It is very helpful for us whose eyesight just is not what it used to be. I bought one and love it

Quick and easy: If you do not have a Greek concordance, a Hebrew Concordance, a Greek Lexicon or a Hebrew Lexicon, I recommend *The Biblical Languages Library* a four volume set from Christian Book Distributors (1 800 Christian). At about \$75, it is cheaper than ordering separately. It is based on the KJV, and is very good. You need a Strong's Concordance to make it work.

Greek Concordances:

**The Englishman's Greek Concordance of the New Testament*. Based on the KJV (get one coded to the Strong's numbering system).

The Word Study Concordance. A two-volume version of the Englishman's Greek Concordance.

The Greek-English Concordance to the New Testament by J. Kohlenberger III. Based on the NIV. Uses the Goodrick/Kohlenberger numbering system. That means you have to have an *NIV Exhaustive Concordance* to use it.

Hebrew Concordances:

**The Englishman's Hebrew Concordance to the Old Testament*. Based on the KJV (get one coded to the Strong's numbering system.).

The Hebrew-English Concordance to the Old Testament by J. Kohlenberger III. Based on the NIV. Uses the Goodrick/Kohlenberger numbering system. That means you have to have an *NIV Exhaustive Concordance* to use it.

Bible Dictionaries and Bible Encyclopedias:

New Bible Dictionary, Howard Marshall, ed., (Intervarsity Press).

**Holman Bible Dictionary*, Trent Butler, ed., (Holman Bible Publishers).

Smith's Dictionary of the Bible (4 volumes), H. B. Hackett, ed., (Baker Books). The one volume version is not very good.

A Dictionary of the Bible, James Hastings, ed., (Hendrickson). Popularly known as "Hastings Bible Dictionary."

Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary R. Youngblood, ed. (Thomas Nelson, Pub.)

**The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible*, Merrill Tenney, ed., (Regency/Zondervan. 5 volumes).

**The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*, Geoffrey Bromiley, ed., (Eerdman's).

Bible Atlas:

Oxford Bible Atlas edited by Herbert May, now in its third edition

Greek Lexicons: (Use by English Word)

Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words (There are a bunch of variations on *Vine's* out on the market. If you get one, get one that has the Greek words coded to Strong's numbering system. And you have to have a *King James Version Bible*).

A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament by E. W. Bullinger. Commonly known as "Bullinger's Lexicon." All words are from the KJV

but a full concordance allows you to find the correct Greek word. you have to have a *King James Version Bible*). Not coded to Strong's.

Greek Lexicons: (Use by Greek Word)

**Thayer's Greek English Lexicon of the New Testament*. Excellent and easy to use lexicon. Get one with the Strong's numbers.

**The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament* by Spiros Zodhiates. Excellent lexicon, coded to Strong's.

A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature by Walter Bauer (also called "Bauer's Lexicon) edited by Arndt and Gingrich (so it is also said to be by them). There are no Strong's numbers and the words are in Greek, so you must have a fundamental knowledge of Greek to use this lexicon.

Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament Based on Semantic Domains by J. Louw and E. Nida (2 volumes). This is a wonderful resource if you can read the Greek words in Greek.

The New Analytical Greek Lexicon by W. Perschbacher. Difficult to use. Bring only if you have a rudimentary knowledge of Greek and use a Greek Interlinear. The new ones are coded to Strong's, which is helpful.

Hebrew Lexicons:

**The Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*. Make sure it is coded to the Strong's numbering system.

Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, by Harris, Archer and Waltke. It does not cover every word in the Old Testament but it has good material on what it does cover. Bring only if you already have a *Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*.

Old Testament Word Studies by W. Wilson. Make sure you have one coded to Strong's.

Vine's Dictionary of Old Testament Words. It is based on the *KJV* and coded to Strong's, so if you bring this bring a *KJV* and a Strong's Concordance.

The Complete Word Study Dictionary Old Testament by Baker and Carpenter.

Optional:

Other Versions of the Bible

Other Concordances.

Topical Bibles:

The industry standard is *Nave's Topical Bible* and there is one based on the *NIV* and one on the *KJV*.

Interlinear Bibles:

Jay Green does a four volume interlinear Bible that has both the OT and NT with a Strong's number above each word. **I love it and use it a lot.** It is great for people who do not have a laptop with Bible study software. CES gets a substantial discount on these because we order them in bulk and we sell them for \$90. Other than that I have no

specific recommendations on an interlinear. There are many out on the market with all kinds of differences.

Synonym Studies:

Synonyms of the New Testament by Richard Trench

Synonyms of the Old Testament by Robert Girdlestone

Figures of Speech:

Figures of Speech Used in the Bible by E. W. Bullinger.

Customs Books:

Any you want to bring, but STF has one that we have updated and reprinted.

Other material:

Any material you use or want to learn how to use for Bible Study is welcome.

Computer Bible Study Programs:

Any you want to bring is fine if you are bringing a laptop. STF sells the one we think is the best, BibleWorks. It costs about \$300. There are less expensive ones on the market, but the investment is worth it if you plan to do in-depth study of the Greek and Hebrew. There are some great ones on the market. If you are choosing one to buy you can call John Schoenheit for advice.