

## **The “probe-it” method of Bible Study.**

When you use this method, you probe the text with questions.

### **SPACEPETS.**

Each letter in the phrase is the first letter of a key word in a question you ask of God’s Word.

1. **Is there a SIN to confess?** Does God’s Word make you aware of something you need to make right with God?
2. **Is there a PROMISE to claim?** There are more than 7,000 promises in God’s Word. Ask yourself if the passage you’ve read contains a universal promise. Ask whether you’ve met all the conditions of the promise. Every promise has a premise!
3. **Is there an ATTITUDE to change?** Is there something about which you need to think differently? Do you need to work on a negative attitude, worry, guilt, fear, loneliness, bitterness, pride, apathy, or ego?
4. **Is there a COMMAND to obey?** Is there a command you need to obey, no matter how you feel?
5. **Is there an EXAMPLE to follow?** Are there positive examples to follow or negative examples to avoid?
6. **Is there a PRAYER to pray?** Paul, David, Solomon, Elijah, and Isaiah, among others, pray in the Bible. You can use their prayers and know that they’ll be answered because they’re in the Bible and in God’s will.
7. **Is there an ERROR to avoid?** It’s wise to learn from experience, and it’s even wiser to learn from the experience of others! We don’t have time to make all the mistakes ourselves. So what can you learn from the mistakes of those in Scripture?
8. **Is there a TRUTH to believe?** Often, we’ll read something in Scripture that we can’t do anything about. We simply have to believe what it says about God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the past, the future, Heaven, Hell, or other topics in the Bible.
9. **Is there SOMETHING for which to praise God?** You can always find something in a passage you can be grateful to God for, like something God has protected you from or something God has done.

Every question in this list has a verb in it; there is something you can *do* associated with them. Write them in your Bible or put them on a note card you keep with your Bible. They’ll help you be a “doer of the Word” every time you meditate on the Bible.