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Doorway to

DISCOVERY

"ARCHES Doorway to Discovery" is the core of the ARCHES discovery process. It's designed to help each of us discover detail from specific verses, remember the big picture, apply God's Word to our lives, and grow in our relationship with Him.

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WITH THESE OPTIONAL JOURNAL PAGES

ARCHES *Enter in*

ARCHES LIVE IT

ARCHES *On Topic*

ARCHES *Treasure*

ARCHES Storyboard

ARCHES *Free Write*

» ARCHES ENTER IN

Keep a journal of prayer requests and praise reports. Spend time praying during your devotions.

» ARCHES LIVE IT

Select a verse. List a key action word, who or what the action refers to, and the action you think God wants you to take.

» ARCHES ON TOPIC

Choose a topic. Collect verses and notes about your topic. Start a new page for each topic you want to know more about.

» ARCHES TREASURE

List verses you'd like to become familiar with or memorize. Write the entire verse first. Then write it in sections. Optional: Illustrate each section with a sketch. Read through your treasury often and pray according to the chosen verses.

» ARCHES STORYBOARD

If you choose to read the Bible according to a chronological reading plan add significant people and events to your storyboard in the order they occur.

» ARCHES FREE WRITE

Journal your thoughts freely.

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"HOW TO" GUIDE

SELECT A VERSE | APPLY ARCHES

Read: Select a portion of the Bible to read. Jot down the reference in the first section labeled "Read." You can choose to read one chapter, three chapters, an entire book, or any amount you choose. The "ARCHES Doorway to Discovery" process will not be applied to the entire portion of scripture you read.

Apply ARCHES: Select 1-2 verses, from the material you read, to study. Apply ARCHES to those verses by completing the four "ARCHES Doorway to Discovery" pages. Recommended Options: Select 1 verse, or 2 verses in a row, and study. Or, select two verses situated apart from each other and study them together to discover their similarities and differences. Every question may not apply to every verse you study.

APPLICATION

How does the verse speak to you? Write how the verse(s) you chose to study speaks to you when you first hear/read it.

Questions regarding the verse: List any questions you have regarding the chosen verse(s).

STOP! Don't answer yet. After finishing the ARCHES Doorway to Disovery process return to the following three questions:

Summarize the verse: In your own words summarize what the chosen verse says.

Did you discover answers to your questions regarding the verse? If so list them here: List the answers to the questions you had at the beginning of this process.

What personal application have you discovered? Record any new insight with regards to how God has spoken to you personally through the chosen verse, the surrounding scriptures, and the word studies.

RELATIONSHIPS

Who is the author of the verse/book? If possible, list the author of the verse/book you're studying.

Who was the intended recipient? If possible, list the name of the person, or group of people, the passage was written to/for.

Who is mentioned in the verse? If applicable, list the name(s) of the person/people the verse mentions directly, and/or the people the verse was written about. Also, list key facts about each individual. List their relatives. List key facts about each relative.

CONNECTIONS

Context Connections: List up to five scripture references of verses found before and/or after the passage you're studying. These verses give us a bigger picture and bring out the context the verse was written in. Read each verse, list the reference, and summarize each one.

Cross-Reference Connections:
List up to five cross-references, read them, and summarize each of them.

HISTORY

List other events taking place at the same time as the event/time in the verse: If applicable, list events taking place at the same time as the event in the chosen verse or surrounding verses. Cross-references, surrounding verses, commentaries, timelines, and the book introduction in a study Bible can often help you identify some of these historical events.

List events that took place directly before the time or eventin the verse: If applicable, list events taking place directly before the events referred to in the passage. Cross-references, surrounding verses, commentaries, timelines, and the book introduction in a study Bible can often help you identify some of these historical events.

List events that took place directly after the time or event in the verse: If applicable, list events taking place directly after the events in the passage. Cross-references, surrounding verses, commentaries, timelines, and the book introduction in a study Bible can often help you identify some of these historical events.

EXACT WORDS

Write out the verse word-for-word: Writing out the verse word for word helps us not to miss words we may have overlooked in a quick read through.

List keywords to look up in a Greek or Hebrew dictionary. Write the Greek/Hebrew words and their definitions: List words you'd like to know the Greek or Hebrew for. Look words up in chosen lexicon/dictionary. Write the Greek/Hebrew words and their definitions.

List keywords and what they refer to in context: Choose words you see as key words to understanding the passage and summarize what they refer to in context.

SAVIOR

Write word-for-word what the verse you're studying says about Jesus (or God, or the Holy Spirit): If applicable, write the specific words the chosen verse uses in reference to Jesus (or God, or the Holy Spirit).

What do all the verses you've read during this study reveal to you about Jesus (or God, or the Holy Spirit)? Write what you've discovered about Jesus (or God, the Holy Spirit) from all the verses you've studied. Include what you've learned from "cross-reference connections" and "context connections."

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