

# K.E.Y. Bible Study (2012-2013/Year V)

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**K.E.Y Bible Study** is a systematic study of Scripture that equips participants to become acquainted with the major truths of the Bible over a five-year period. Each lesson is self-contained, so, you can join the study at any time during the five years.

**Purpose:** To teach the most significant events, passages, and doctrines of the Bible in a manner and using methods that encourage and empower the student to:  
**K**eeP the Faith We Have Received  
**B**e **E**quipped to Serve the Body of Christ  
**B**ecome **Y**oked in Ministry with Other Believers

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### “The Shepherd and the Thief: The Giver and the Taker” John 10:10

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The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. **John 10:10 (NIV)**

#### Why is John 10:10 a K.E.Y. verse in the Bible?

This verse presents a clear division between the false, self satisfying ritual of religion and the genuine, life giving relationship found with God through Jesus Christ.

#### Who?

As is the case with all Scripture, God is the central character. He has offered the gift of abundant life, life to the fullest, through Jesus Christ to all who believe in him.

#### When?

This book was composed by John the beloved disciple of Jesus late in John's life near the end of the first century. He writes that we might know the Father and experience eternal life through faith in the Son.

#### Context:

This verse is in the context of chapters eight through ten and the contrast between the Pharisees and Jesus. In particular this passage follows the account of Jesus healing the man born blind and the conflict this caused with the Pharisees. The young man was “put out” of the synagogue because he refused to go along with their assessment of who Jesus was. In John 9:35-10:21, Jesus presents the calling of his sheep into the fold and the protection and life that is thus found. Jesus presented the contrast between the good shepherd and the thief; between the one who gives life and protection and the ones who destroy and take.

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### Word Study

- **"Thief"** – One who takes. Usually done by surprise rather than force
- **"to steal"** – the word klepto which means to take by stealth or surprise as opposed to something being taken by force or plunder.
- **"kill"** – to slaughter, to sacrifice
- **"destroy"** – to completely obliterate, to cause to perish
- **"I have come"** – The incarnation. Jesus came to completely and fully reveal who God is. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
- **"they may have life"** – the opposite of perishing. It is life on a higher plain than mere existence. It is life to the fullest and eternal in nature. It is deliverance from the condemnation of death and destruction.
- **"have it to the full"** – to go beyond measure. Superior in quality and superabundant in quantity. 1 Cor 2:9, Eph 3:14-21

### **Which of the six areas of spiritual competencies is emphasized in this K.E.Y. verse?**

The Doctrine of Christ as the only true source of the life that God has intended for us to have; a life of completeness and wholeness in Him.

### **What am I to know as a result of having read and studied this K.E.Y. verse?**

Know the love of Christ that surpasses all earthly, temporal knowledge

### **What am I to be or become as a result of having studied this K.E.Y. verse?**

Be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God

### **What am I to do in order to apply this K.E.Y. verse in my private and public life?**

Bring glory to him.