



# Who Am I?

## Dissect Method - Activity Download

How can you apply Truth to your life if you do not understand what it means? A great way to teach students to understand what is found in the Bible, is by taking one verse at a time. The Bible in its entirety can be overwhelming, even for adults, but by equipping students with different methods to really dive into God's word—this will last a life time.

1. Print off page 2—1 per girl
2. Review the method yourself so that you can answer questions or offer help during the Group activity
3. Review the scripture found on page 3 in advance so that you can be prepared to offer guidance if needed.

**DISSECT METHOD - Understanding Scripture.** The words found in the Bible are intentional. If you believe that each and every word is inspired by God, then each one is important. Often times we rush through and gain insight, but there is so much more we miss. By dissecting scripture, one verse at a time, it enables you to slow down and allow the words to absorb into your brain.

Ask yourself the following questions when reading a verse

- Who is speaking?
- What is the significance about that person?
- How does this apply to my life now?
- Remember to also read the verses before and after

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.*

*John 3:16*

Who/Significance: Jesus is speaking to Nicodemus

(Nicodemus was a wealthy Pharisee and so the message of selfless, sacrificial giving would penetrate and go against everything he knew—making the message so powerful.)

For God—God, the creator of all things, is who Jesus is speaking of

So loved the world—“So loved” tells me that this is an unfathomable kind of love. Not how I love. I often selfish—God’s love is perfect and something I desire. I also see that He loved the “world”. Not just me, not just those deserving—but everyone.

That he gave his one and only son—God’s love was so amazing that he was willing to sacrifice his only son. He gave (selfless) what was necessary to do what was best for me. Furthermore, he didn’t give what was easy, or what was popular—he gave what meant the most to him, his son.

That whosoever believes in him—“that” tells me that the purpose for this selfless act is about to be revealed. Again the message is that this sacrifice was for all, “whosoever”. All I have to do is believe in God’s son.

Shall not perish but have everlasting life—the result if I believe in Jesus is that I will not die (perish) a spiritual death, but live forever with God, who Jesus began speaking of at the beginning of this verse. The same God that loved me enough to sacrifice his son just for me. That is someone I want to be with.