

L.A. Women's Discussion Group (or new name)

Meeting May 10, 2023

Facilitator: Jean Updegraff

Theme: Bible Study Strategies using The Bible Thoughtbook: *Task Analysis*

This month we will continue our Bible Study Strategies study by discussing another of the listed strategies – *Task Analysis* (pages 18-21 of the workbook).

Per the workbook, “Task analysis is a method for analyzing how a task is accomplished in laying out manual or mental tasks in a logical order.”

We use task analysis in everyday life and we can also use it in a religious context or in Bible study. Per the Thoughtbook, “You can use task analysis in Bible study to prepare an organized explanation of a belief that’s based on key scriptures. Task analysis brings the key components together and organizes your thinking. It can help you be more consistent and confident in explain essential biblical beliefs. And it can show where in your explanation a listener might get confused or lost.”

In addition to more info in the Thoughtbook, please prepare by considering the following questions:

- How important is task analysis in our everyday lives? What examples can you give and why is the process of task analysis important?
- Provide examples of task analysis in the Bible.

This discussion is a stepping off point for our June meeting which is planned to be a real-life practical (and fun) application of task analysis – “Be Ready to Give an Answer” (1 Pet 3:15 – KJV).

Background: At times we are asked a question about our beliefs from a casual acquaintance, a coworker, friend, or family member. It could be a casual question or from someone really interested in a theological answer. How do we answer the question? Even how to answer is an example of task analysis – analyzing the person’s personality, context, depth of interest, etc.

For this May meeting we will have one or two role-playing examples of “be ready to give an answer” (“volunteers” prepared in advance). The thrust of the June meeting will be explained and volunteers requested for the June meeting.

For the June meeting we plan to pair up with one person asking a question (including possible follow-up questions relating to the original question) in a stated scenario (co-worker, friend, etc.) and the other person giving a brief answer or response. Example: “Why Don’t You Celebrate Christmas? Don’t You Want to Honor Christ?” I will provide over 20 sample questions in advance from which to choose or you can use one of your own choosing.

This should be a fun hands-on practical application of task analysis and we can learn a lot from our sisters in Christ.

If you have questions, please contact Jean at (714) 546-4695 or jeanupde@sbcglobal.net.