



# SPACE

TRADING SPACES — EXCHANGING  
THE WORLD FOR THE WORD

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## STUDY GUIDE

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### INTRODUCTION

The SPACE Bible Study theme is based on Ezekiel 36:26-27 and Romans 12:2.

*“And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations” (Ezekiel 36:26-27, NLT).*

*“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect” (Romans 12:2, NLT).*

When someone becomes a Christian, their heart of stone *trades spaces* with a new heart of flesh. While the heart changes instantaneously, the mind does not. Transformation of the believer takes place when the world’s ways of thinking and living are exchanged and traded for biblical thinking and living through reading, studying, obeying, and applying Scripture.

Consider this illustration of the principle. What is a flashlight’s purpose? What if you removed batteries and filled the battery compartment with several items i.e.: jewelry, matchbox car, mini mirror, coins, candy, etc. Will the flashlight function? Will there be any light? Now unscrew the top and remove the items one by one. Replace the batteries. Can you turn on the flashlight? Does it shine? Just like the flashlight could not fulfill its purpose of providing light without *trading spaces* with all the *stuff* inside for batteries—so our lives need to be emptied of the world’s thinking and replaced with the truths of God’s Word.

The four SPACE studies feature Scriptures from Matthew, Philippians, Colossians, and James. SPACE uncovers areas in our thinking and daily lives that need to be exchanged with biblical truths. This self-discovery, along with group discussion and personal application, often leads to further Bible study and life transformation.



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## OVERVIEW

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**DAY 1** Summary

**DAY 2** Promises

**DAY 3** Ask

**DAY 4** Conform

**DAY 5** Exchange

## SUGGESTED SCRIPTURES

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### SPACE #1 | Be Attitudes

Week 1: Matthew 5:1-12  
Week 2: Matthew 5:13-20  
Week 3: Matthew 5:21-32  
Week 4: Matthew 5:33-48  
Week 5: Matthew 6:1-18  
Week 6: Matthew 6:19-34  
Week 7: Matthew 7:1-14  
Week 8: Matthew 7:15-29

### SPACE #2 | Be Christ-like

Week 1: Colossians 1:1-14  
Week 2: Colossians 1:15-29  
Week 3: Colossians 2:1-12  
Week 4: Colossians 2:13-23  
Week 5: Colossians 3:1-11  
Week 6: Colossians 3:12-17  
Week 7: Colossians 3:18-25  
Week 8: Colossians 4:1-6

### SPACE #3 | Be Joyful

Week 1: Philippians 1:1-19  
Week 2: Philippians 1:20-30  
Week 3: Philippians 2:1-11  
Week 4: Philippians 2:12-18  
Week 5: Philippians 3:1-11  
Week 6: Philippians 3:12-20  
Week 7: Philippians 4:1-9  
Week 8: Philippians 4:10-20

### SPACE #4 | Be Genuine

Week 1: James 1:1-18  
Week 2: James 1:19-27  
Week 3: James 2:1-13  
Week 4: James 2:14-26  
Week 5: James 3:1-18  
Week 6: James 4:1-10  
Week 7: James 4:11-17  
Week 8: James 5:1-20

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**WEEK:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SCRIPTURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Each day: **read** the Scripture, **pray** for understanding, and **answer** the questions.

DAY  
1

**SUMMARY**

Read the passage several times slowly then summarize in your own words.

What is the most interesting thing you read in this passage?

DAY  
2

**PROMISES**

Read the passage and record all promises. Are there any conditions to the promises? List them.

What doubt, worry, or fear should you trade for a promise?





### DAY 3 ASK

What commands, directives, or instructions can you list from this passage?

What are a few examples of how you can put these into practice?

### DAY 4 CONFORM

Look back at your answers for Days 2 and 3. Write how this passage applies to a current situation in your life. Write a personal prayer expressing your desire to conform to Christ and His Word.

### DAY 5 EXCHANGE

How did this passage challenge your thinking or choices this week?

What will you think or do differently in light of this passage?

How will this transform your words and actions?