

Verse Mapping Journaling *

The idea behind Verse Mapping is that through the process of examining a verse more closely, you can make it yours forever.

Materials:

Journal, composition book, paper, or index card

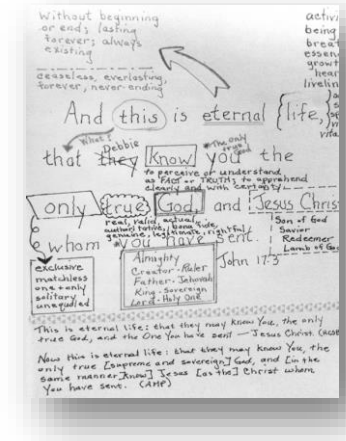
Scripture verse of choice

Pen or pencil

Optional: highlighters, colored pens, colored pencils

Method:

Step 1: Write. Write out your chosen verse of Scripture. Be sure to leave plenty of white space around it, between the lines, and between the words. This will provide ample work space for your “mapping.”



Step 2: Map. Choose any of the ideas from the Verse Mapping Guide (below) to map your verse.

Step 3: Review. At the close of your mapping time or at any other time during your day, take another look at the verse. Consider writing out a prayer, sharing with God what you have learned.

Verse Mapping Guide

- Personalize it – Cross out pronouns such as “you,” “we,” and “whoever.” Insert your name.
- Highlight words or phrases that jump out at you. Use different colors.
- Look up word definitions and/or synonyms.
- Read the verse in context by reading the passage, chapter, or entire book it is a part of.
- Read the verse in at least two other translations. Note words or phrases from other translations that help you understand or apply the verse.
- Find cross references and note anything that brings new meaning.
- Circle a word or two and do a word study.
- Write out what you are learning.
- Record your thoughts on how you can apply the Scripture in your daily living.

* I am not the originator of the Verse Mapping technique. In my search to locate its origins I found an article on the subject at Proverbs 31 and many examples of the process at Pinterest, Google, and YouTube. However, I was unable to locate the origin.