

Bible Study Materials

'Kiso no manabi' 「基礎の学び」

This is an evangelistic Bible study course of 4 units produced by 'Neighbourhood Bible Studies' (Seisho o Yomu Kai). This is in book form and can be ordered at Christian bookshops for ¥500 **but JLC has a 14 page English/ Japanese vocabulary list with readings of kanji to accompany the text.** This list was kindly made available to us by courtesy of TEAM missionaries but has since been updated to conform with the new format Kiso no Manabi.

The vocabulary list can be found in the list of Christian resources on this website by clicking on 'Kiso no Manabi Vocabulary list'.

Making use of Japanese friends

As the variety of Bible study materials used is so varied and constantly changing, OMF does not plan to produce vocabulary lists for other Bible Study materials. However, if you wish to have help with a particular text you could ask a church member or even a non-Christian friend to study it with you or record digitally. Your study can then become a way of doing evangelism!

Life Changing Truth by Mike McGinty

Word of Life Press is selling this through bookstores in Japan at 1,500 yen for the teacher's version and 1,000 yen for the student text. The key advantage of this for language study is that the teacher's text is bilingual **with furigana to help missionaries in reading the Kanji.**

The author describes his study below.

GOAL of the Study--- To facilitate faster church growth in Japan by providing a tool that will help lay Christians both initiate and lead evangelistic Bible studies.

DISTINCTIVES--

- *Bilingual format with furigana to help missionaries (teacher's text only)
- *Simple to use by even new Christians
- *Adaptable for individual use--only a framework is provided
- *Student and teacher versions
- *Attractive illustrations to make the study more visually appealing and less 'heavy'
- *Takes someone from zero knowledge of Christianity to saving faith knowledge
- *Provides additional illustrations, explanations, icebreakers, questions, passages in the teacher's version
- *Focuses on longer passages to allow the Scriptures to speak for themselves
- *Uses a neutral theme "Life Changing Truth" vs. "How to Become a Christian"
- *Clearly traces the progression of Gospel truths
- *Offers tips on how to initiate, lead and teach an evangelistic Bible study
- *Provides opportunities for personal response in the course of the study
- *Avoids a 'wooden' Japanese translation

'Steps to Freedom' (Kaiho e no steppu) by Neil Anderson

キリストにある解放へのステップ

This is the Japanese text of **Neil Anderson's 45 page workbook 'Steps to Freedom in Christ.'** It is designed for helping free Christians from spiritual bondage.

ICM Press, Ikoma, Nara, Japan 1997

Translated by Junko Blocksom (淳子・ブロックソム)

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Price: ¥476 plus tax

A 42 page Japanese/English vocabulary list produced by Peter Dallman of OMF is available on this website by clicking on 'Anderson Steps to Freedom' in the list of Christian resources. Language wise this workbook is a challenge and recommended for advanced learners as reference is made to many Japanese religious customs.