

# Why is reading the Bible important?

## The Bible gives us the opportunity to see and know God.

2 Peter 1:16-21

*16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

## The Bible is alive and powerful

Hebrews 4:12

*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”*

## The Bible has the power to save and to sanctify us

1 Peter 1:22

*Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.*

Romans 1:16

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

1 Corinthians 1:18

*For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

## The importance of the Bible is that it shows us God's will.

By obeying what the Lord says in the Bible, we can keep ourselves pure

Psalm 119:9-11

*9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. 10 With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! 11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*

Meditating on the teachings of Scripture will cause us to prosper spiritually and bring blessings and true success in life

James 1:25

*But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.*

## **The Bible contains essential wisdom and guidance for making our way through life**

*Psalm 119:105*

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path*

*Joshua 1:8*

*This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

Jesus taught us to depend on God's Word for our "daily bread." We cannot underestimate the importance of consuming it regularly, for it is the fuel of our spiritual lives.

*Matthew 4:1-4*

*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

## **God's Word equips and empowers us to serve Him**

*1 Timothy 3:16-17*

*16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

## **Discussion Questions**

- What stuck out to you about today's lesson?
- Did the verses we read today raise any questions for you?
- In your own words why is the Bible beneficial?
- Do you think it is better to read the Bible yourself or have it read to you? Why?
- Why is important for christians to read the Bible to learn about God and His will?
- In your own words how does the Bible help us to live a successful life?
- What do you think God is trying to teach you based on the verses we read today?