

Studying God's Word  
 Hebrews 4:12 & Philemon 1:7-8  
 Studying God's Word Week 1

*“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” – Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)*

*“For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother. <sup>8</sup>Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient ...” - Philemon 1:7-8 KJV*

5 Basics About Studying the Bible:

1. Choose a \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Choose a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to study the Bible.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ for God to \_\_\_\_\_ to you and \_\_\_\_\_ what He shows you.
4. Understand the \_\_\_\_\_. To understand the context, ask these three questions:
  - a) Who \_\_\_\_\_ it? PAUL
  - b) Who was it \_\_\_\_\_ to? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Why was it \_\_\_\_\_ (what was its purpose)?  
 Philemon to \_\_\_\_\_ Onesimus and \_\_\_\_\_  
 him as a brother in Christ.
5. Read \_\_\_\_\_ and ask \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) What does this say about \_\_\_\_\_?
  - b) What is \_\_\_\_\_ saying to \_\_\_\_\_?

Instead of asking God “Why?” Ask God “What?”

Digging Deeper & Life Application:

- Read Philemon 1:4-5, 7-11...What was the context of this passage—what was going on with Paul and Onesimus when it was written? How does this information help you understand the significance of this letter?