

Sermon Series: JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Sermon Title: "How Do I Read The Bible?"

Scripture: II Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

Intro: WE START WITH THE BIBLE (Is the Bible Reliable?)

HOW DO I READ THE BIBLE:

1. Time & Place
2. Read & Write
3. Prayer & Praise
4. Listen & Journal

TIME & PLACE

1. Schedule a _____ (time) that the only thing you do with that time is meet with God.
2. Find a _____ (place) that the only thing you do with that place is meet with God.

READ & WRITE

1. Read _____ (one) book of the Bible at a time (soak & saturate)
2. Answer these questions:
 - what does the Scripture say?
 - why is it in the Bible?
 - what should I do about this?
 - how can I remember this?

PRAYER & PRAISE

1. Pray before you read the Bible
2. Cultivate an atmosphere of _____ (praise)
3. Learn to _____ (pray) the Scripture
4. Make specific prayer requests (schedule, relationships)
5. Rejoice in the Lord

LISTEN & JOURNAL

1. Don't do all the _____ (talking) when you pray
2. Keep a _____ (spiritual) diary

"I wouldn't take a million dollars for my spiritual journal. It is the intimate record of the journey my Lord and I are taking together." (Chuck Swindoll)

CLOSE: The Bible was written to be _____(understood). It is best understood by using a _____ (consistent) observation method.