

What is the Bible?

ONE: HOW WE KNOW

TWO: THE WORD IS...

SESSION THREE: STRATEGIC STUDY

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Have a better understanding of how to study the Bible.**
- 2. Be able to describe our personal study of God's Word.**

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SESSION THREE: STRATEGIC STUDY

To record the final three outs in our examination of the Bible, we must know how to read it. After gleaning its history, its factual description and the character it possesses, there remains nothing more crucial than grasping how to navigate it in our own time. Let this serve not as a foolproof method to be able to interpret every piece of scripture, but a baseline that will keep you on track to grow in your understanding of the Word.

How do you read or study the Bible right now?

Study the Bible Prayerfully...

Our first step in our study of the Word should always begin with prayer. Thankfully, we are never left alone to glean truth from scripture, but instead are accompanied by the Holy Spirit, if you are in Christ. The God of the entire universe is constantly empowering you to converse with Him in your study.

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What does 1 Corinthians 2:14-15 have to say about this?

Study the Bible Humbly and Carefully...

Coming to know Him through His Word rests on a humble foundation of submitting to the authority of what He says. Additionally, we must be careful to not twist and misinterpret this book. It is a diligence in our study and reading that lends itself to be most fruitful. The more we lean on our own human understanding and arrogance that we can interpret it on our own, the more likely we are to twist it's words.

Study the Bible Joyfully and Confidently...

Keep in perspective the weight behind the text you are reading. God himself has ordained the preservation of the Bible to the point where it is in your hands today. It holds the truth of who He is and how we can find true life in Him. This is a beautiful book! Take hold of the confidence you can find in God's Word through His promises and teachings through the life of Christ.

Write out Psalm 119:35 —

Study the Bible Consistently...

Developing a practice for reading, understanding and applying God's Word is a journey that is formed out of walking daily with the Lord. It can become frustrating when a text doesn't make

sense or you feel the need to skip certain verses out of insecurity for how to approach them. Let your goal be to consistently and systematically uncover God's Word with the help of the Holy Spirit.

How consistently are you studying the Word?

What are some tips the group shared for personal study?

Study the Bible Intentionally and Personally...

Anytime you are studying the Word, have a pen and notebook in your hand. If God is going to speak to you, it is going to be important enough to write down. It may feel strange at first, but start somewhere and give it a shot. The more you read and study who God is, the more deeply and intimately you will fall in love with him.

David Platt is quoted in his 2015 Secret Church Session saying, "I am convinced, when we get into it, we will fall in love directly with the Author of this book, and we will find that our lives are living under the authority of this book, and when the authority and power of this Word combines together with a humble heart that wants to know what it is saying, that kind of combination, I am convinced, can change the world."