

BIBLE 101

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I. INTRODUCTION: HERMENEUTICS

Acts 17:10-11 As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

2 Peter 1:20-21 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Hermeneutics — The study of how to interpret scripture

II. S.O.A.P. METHOD OF SCRIPTURE READING

S. — Scripture

1. What am I reading?
2. To get the most out of reading your Bible you have to start by reading your Bible.
3. **Barriers to reading the Bible:**
 - I don't feel like I have enough time.
 - I lack motivation and discipline.
 - I feel intimidated.
 - I struggle to apply the Bible to everyday life.
4. **Bible Reading Tips:**
 - Find a plan that works for you.
 - Focus your thoughts on one verse.
 - Don't give up when you miss a day.
 - Make it fun.

O. — Observation

1. What did this scripture mean to the original audience?
2. It is all about context.

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3. Be A Berean!

2 Timothy 4:3-4 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

A. — Application

- **What is the Holy Spirit saying to me?**

Hebrews 4:12 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.

1 Corinthians 10:11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Psalms 119:130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Psalms 119:18 Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

P. — Prayer

- **God, how do I take what Your Word spoke to me and put it into practice?**

John 5:39-40 You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

III. EXAMPLE

S. — Titus 3:2 (NIV84) to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.

O. — *The Gospel has tremendous impact on how you treat others. Your words, attitudes and actions will all be affected by Christ in you.*

A. — *My words about others must be true. Beware of sarcasm. My attitude must show concern for others and not be overly aggressive. My actions must come with humility... true humility.*

P. — *Lord, may I show true humility today. Amen*