

SESSION 4

Reading Your Bible Part One

TRUTH: *What is God saying?*

Read Psalm 1:1-3.

What is the attitude of the man towards God's word, and what is the result in his life? What does that mean to you? Do these verses seem to reflect your experience with God's word, or no?

Read John 5:39-40.

How does what Jesus says about the Bible affect the way we approach it?

EQUIPPING: *How do we live this out?*

What are some wrong/unhelpful motivations for reading the Bible?

Donnie gave 3 good reasons for reading the Bible:

- It refreshes our thirsty souls
- It shows us who God is
- It shows us what to do with our lives

Which of these do you tend to most be motivated by?

Why are these reasons important motivators, even during times when we don't feel like reading God's word?



ACCOUNTABILITY: *How am I personally doing in this area?*

Donnie talked about how when we engage in a discipline like Bible reading, we should move “from duty to delight.” Have you experienced this?

Are there trivial things you have delighted in more than God’s word? Why do you think you delight in those things more, and how can you grow in delighting in God’s word?

MISSION: *Going out with the Gospel*

When we read God’s word, it will be in our hearts and on our lips. Often, scripture we have read will come to mind that applies to particular circumstances. Have you ever been in a situation where you were able to share something from God’s word with a friend or co-worker?

If not, is this an opportunity you can be praying for?

SUPPLICATION: *Praying for what only God can do*

Pray that God would deepen your thirst for Him, and that your time in the word would be refreshing and increase your love for Jesus! Pray that the word would challenge and shape your life for the glory of God.