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# How to Study the Bible -Sessions One, Two, and Three

**Multiply**

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# Set Apart, Your role as a Disciple

## Key Scripture

**Matthew 28:18-20** <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



# Things which encourage your development as a disciple

**Prayer-**Specifically praying for the ministry that you are in or asking the Lord to give you a ministry where you are discipling another.

**Scripture-** Memorizing Scripture so that you can both reflect upon it and have it available as a tool in any situation-this series has eight key verses that relate to aspects of discipleship.

**Personal testimony-** Having a prepared, organized personal testimony that can be given in any situation.



# Discussion Questions

Why do you study the Bible?

How has your study of the Bible impacted your life?

How does your study of the Bible help you to disciple others?



# Points from the Videos

## Session 1: Why study the Bible

- a. Know your audience- start with what is appropriate for their progression in the faith. Don't assume they accept the Bible as the inherent Word of God, absolutely true without error.
- b. All of your teaching and discipling should be motivated by your love for God and your love for them.
- c. The Bible is not the answer book for every situation or circumstance in life, but it does provide the basis by which to make decisions in all areas of life that allow you to be a faithful witness to the truth of God's word and an effective disciple and to disciple others
- d. Don't become defensive when people ask questions or do not believe that the Bible is inspired .Answer truthfully but with respect.



# Points from the Videos

## Session 2: Studying the Bible Prayerfully and Obediently

- a. Because the Bible is the inspired word of God written by men with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it cannot be understood correctly with the help of the Holy Spirit.
- b. Earnest and expectant pray is a necessary prelude to effective study. It prepares both the mind and the heart to receive fully what the scripture has to say to us and understand it correctly.
- c. The Bible is not only to be understood, but to be obeyed when it conveys that action or change is necessary in our conduct to follow the will of God. Again prayer is a necessary part of equipping us to be obedient, especially when we face challenging circumstances or temptations.



# Points from the Videos

## Session 3: Studying Logically

- a. To properly understand and interpret scripture it must be approached with the correct understanding of its context within the culture or people group it is being written to.
- b. You should consider the maturity of the people that you are discipling and determine what is the best approach for them to use in study.
- c. It is not correct to interpret scripture based on what you think or feel it should say to support a personal bias. God is the same, He does not change so the meaning of scripture does not change based on contemporary cultural morays. Twisting the meaning of scripture, or using it out the context it was originally intended to convey to support personal agendas is a common practice, and careful examination is required to avoid this error. Rigorous intellectual study can be viewed as a form of worship when it is guided with the help of the Holy Spirit. We are admonished in scripture to be diligent workman, dividing (interpreting) the word of God correctly.

# Key Scriptures for each Video

- Session 1. Joshua 1:8- Meditate on God's word daily for success**  
**Psalm 119:105 - The word is a light to guide our path**  
**Matthew 4:4 - Man shall not live by bread alone, but through the word of God**
- Session 2. James 1:22 - You must both hear and do the word of God**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16 - All scripture is inspired by God and to be effective it must ministered with God's Spirit**
- Session 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15 - Study to show ourselves approved workman as we interpret and teach God's word**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:15 - Be ready to give and answer for our hope with gentleness**





# Biblical Hermeneutics

**Biblical Hermeneutics is the interpretation of the written language of the Bible. It is a process of study usually with either three or four steps to enable someone to correctly interpret a language, gleaning its correct content and meaning. It is an essential process to also enable correct translation of scripture from one language to another.**

**<https://e360bible.org/blog/what-is-biblical-hermeneutics/>**

# Steps of Biblical Hermeneutics

1. Historical and Cultural Context (the setting of the Scripture)
2. Literary Context (the style(s) of the Scripture)
3. Observation (the content of the Scripture)
4. Application (the implications of the Scripture)