Study Your Bible

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INTRODUCTION

- In a very basic lesson, I just want to say, study the Bible, or the devil will get you.
- I want to spend what little time we have together for the remainder of our worship period just encouraging you to study your Bible.
- It might surprise us, or maybe it wouldn't surprise you, how many professed Christians don't regularly study their Bibles?

1 Prepare Your Heart and Mind for Bible Study

Psalm 119:11; Psalm 119:105; 1 Peter 1:13

- True Bible study begins with desire, and desire begins with the heart.
- Your word I have hidden in my heart that I may not sin against you.
- Your word is like a lamp to my feed and a light to my path.
- It's not honest to call God our friend, our father, our savior if we say we haven't communicated with him.
- Bible study is going to require some work, a mental exercise.

2 See the Need for Studying the Word of God

1 Corinthians 2:10–16

- In studying the Word of God, I get a better sense of God.
- No one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.
- The primary reason that a child of God needs to be studying the word of God is because therein is God's revelation of himself.
- The primary way that I build a stronger faith is through his word.
- Jesus, one of the reasons he was able to withstand that temptation is that he knew the word of God.

3 Bible Study Rules

- Number one, remember that you're reading the inspired word of God.
- Second Bible study rule is be fully prepared to change.
- And so who is speaking and who's being spoken to is important.
- It's all right to have your favorite verses, but make sure that you read and understand those verses in the context.
- The last rule is to seek application in your life. This isn't an academic exercise.

4 Questions to Ask When Studying

- Number one is there an example to follow? In this passage that I'm reading, is there something that I need to be doing that they were doing with God's approval?
- Is there a sin to avoid? Am I reading that again to trying to make that application in my life?
- Is there a commandment to obey? Is there something that I need to be doing that maybe I'm not doing or not doing enough of?
- Is there a condition to meet? Is there something that God is requiring of me in order for me to be his child, his faithful child?

5 Come to Bible Class

- We study the Bible at home, and that should be our primary means of Bible study.
- Please don't make our Bible classes your only time that you study the Bible. But it will enhance your Bible study.
- Studying at home, studying in Bible class becomes this kind of snowball effect that encourages you to do more of the other.
- It is a dangerous height of spiritual arrogance to say that I don't need that.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **God is speaking. Will you hear? God is calling. Will you answer?**

MY NOTES