

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

READ / REFLECT / RESPOND / REMEMBER

STEP 1 - READ

So faith comes from hearing and hearing by the word of Christ. -Romans 10:17

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near. -Revelation 1:3

(1) Choose a book or passage of the Bible to read. (2) Before reading the passage, pray Psalm 119:18-”Lord open my eyes that I may see wondrous things in your law.” Read the passage slowly and read it again. Take note of words describing God, note any keywords, or phrases that you see in repetition.

STEP 1 - REFLECT

What is the passage saying? Ask God to help you answer the following:

- What does the passage teach about God’s character and His values?

- What does the passage teach about people or myself?

- What are some key words, warnings, promises or commands?

STEP 3 - RESPOND

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. -James 1:22

Respond to what the passage says. What effect will this have on my life? Take action by praying about and applying what the passage says. Speak to God (journal) about what is on your heart and mind after studying the passage. Pray the words of the passage back to God. Write how you plan to apply what the scripture passage taught you. Put on the “SPECS”, a simple tool to help you apply what you learned.

Sin to forsake? _____

Promise to claim? _____

Example to follow? _____

Command to obey? _____

Stumbling block to avoid? _____

STEP 4 - REMEMBER (memorize)

I delight to do your will, O my God: your law is within my heart. -Psalm 40:8

Psalm 119:11 Your word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against you. **Psalm 119:97** O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.. **Psalm 1:2** But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Focus on a key verse and commit to memorizing scripture. Read it over and over. Use index cards or post-it-notes and meditate on it. Pray that verse or verses for your life during the week. Watch God do an amazing work in you. If memorizing was important for Jesus, it is more important for us as Christ-Followers. It is necessary to study Scripture in order to be blessed and in order to help others.

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