

Lesson 5: How to Study the Bible

A. Why we should study the Bible

1. In part #4 of this series on Growing in your relationship with God, we considered the importance of the Bible as we seek to grow in a relationship with God. What lessons did you learn from that study?
2. What inspired testimonies in the Bible emphasize the importance and purpose of the Scriptures? 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:15, Psalm 119:16, John 5:39-40, etc.

B. How to study the Bible

1. Set aside special time for Bible study
 - i. Psalm 143:8, 5:3
 - ii. When did you decide to set aside a special time in your day for Bible study? What time of the day works best for you?
2. Choose a special place for Bible study
 - i. Mark 1:35 Luke 22:39-41 Jesus chose special places for Bible study and prayer.
 - ii. While we can study the Bible anywhere, what would be an ideal location to study God's Word?
 - iii. What lesson can we learn from Mary of Bethany about finding a special place to listen to the Word of God? Luke 10:39-42
 - iv. How can any location become "the feet of Jesus"
3. Study the Bible prayerfully and carefully
 - i. What Scriptures remind us of the importance of prayer when we study the Word of God? Jeremiah 33:3, James 1:5, etc.
 - ii. How does the Holy Spirit help us when we seek to carefully study the Bible? John 16:13 (see also Luke 11:13)
 - iii. What lessons can we learn from the testimony of the Psalmist? Psalm 119:10-11, 103-105
 - iv. What lessons have you learned from others about how to study of the Bible?

C. Share what you have learned with others

1. What lessons can we learn from Peter's testimony before the Sanhedrin about sharing what we have learned with others? Acts 4:8-12
2. What are your thoughts about the prayer of Christians recorded in Acts 4:29-31?
3. What lessons can we learn from Philip the deacon about sharing what we have learned from the Word of God with others? Acts 8:26-35
4. What promise did the LORD give through the prophet Isaiah? Isaiah 55:10-12
5. What is your testimony about sharing what you have learned from God's Word with others?