

Welcome to our 2nd Study in our “Go & Make Disciples” series.

-If you missed our previous lessons, please view them on our website

-Please take notes...we are recording this, but the more you actively taking notes...the more you will learn and be equipped to help others.

-Tonight, we will cover the following:

- Bible Study Tips

- The Goal of the Word study

- The scriptures used in the Word study

-Then we will have a Q&A time.

*Let's get started.

Bible Study Tips

*Correctly Handle the Word

- Know the key things you are trying to teach

- Understand the passage in context

- Review the scriptures and the questions you plan to ask before the study.

*People Learn at Different Paces

- Take your time each person has a different level of eagerness & aptitude

- Understand the process (heart & mind change takes time)

- Seek advice from others in the study & someone more experienced.

*Schedule a Time for the Next Study

- At the end of your study, always schedule the next study

- It can be hard to get everyone on the same page...so better to do it in person

- Helps to keep the momentum of the study moving forward.

The Goal of the Word Study

-In the Seeking God study from last time, you are trying to understand their spiritual journey and get them interested in seeking God. The Word study takes it one step further.

GOAL: To establish the scriptures (the Word) as the standard for our lives and help them to start reading the word every day.

We recommend that you do the word study even with someone who says they know the scriptures and believe it is the standard for their lives, because sometimes they may not be actively reading it or applying it to their lives.

The Word is the foundation of our walk with God and is fundamental to our spiritual journey.

The Scriptures used in the Word Study:

2 Timothy 3:16-17

-Purpose of this scripture is to help the individual see that the scriptures are from God and that they are useful for us today.

-Key Questions:

-What does it mean that scripture is God-breathed?

-How does the bible teach us? Train us? Correct us? And Rebuke us? (ask separately)

-If we have a Bible on our bookshelf and never open it to read it, is it useful?

-Closing Point: God gives us the scriptures so we can be equipped, but we need to read it.

Otherwise, it can't fulfill God's will for us.

Hebrews 4:12-13

-Start out by asking: What stood out from that scripture? It gives you an insight into what they understood.

-Key Questions

-Why does the bible describe itself as alive and active?

-Why do you think it describes itself as a sword?

-How does it make you feel that everything is uncovered and laid bare before God?

-Helpful Illustrations/explanations:

-A double-edged sword was a weapon that could cut deep through armor.

-Like a surgeon's scalpel the word can cut deep but also heals

-Closing Point: The Bible is relevant to us today and reveals our hearts.

2 Peter 1:20-21

-Purpose of this scripture is to help someone who struggles with the idea that the Bible was written by people.

-Key Questions:

-What does Peter say they must understand above all?

-Why is it important to understand that prophets spoke from God and not human will?

-Illustration: Pen and Paper

-Draw a circle with your pen on a piece of paper

-Ask: Who drew the circle? Me or the pen?

-If they say you: try to draw it with your finger

-If they say the pen: tell the pen to draw a circle

-Make the point that just as you use the pen as a tool to get your thoughts on paper, so God uses his Holy Spirit and the Prophets as a tool to get his thoughts on paper for us.

-Closing Point: The scriptures are from God not from man.

Mark 7:1-8

-Purpose of this scripture is to help people see that following scripture is more important than honoring tradition

Key Question:

- Do you know who the Pharisees were? If not, explain
- Why do you think Jesus was so hard on them?
- What is a hypocrite?
- Do you see that a lot in today's society?
- Is tradition bad? No. When is it bad? When it goes against scripture.

-Helpful Information:

- Pharisees were a sect of Jewish teachers who tended to be legalistic
- A Hypocrite is someone who says one thing and does something else.

-Closing Point: God wants an intimate relationship with us on the heart level not just our religious traditions

John 12:47-49

-Purpose of this scripture is to help the person studying to realize that they will be judged by the word.

-Key Questions:

- What does Jesus say he will do if we don't keep his words?
- Is there a judge? Who or What?
- Look in vv.48, what does Jesus say will condemn us at the last day?
- If Jesus' words are going to judge us, is it important that we know what they say & obey them?

-Closing Point: Jesus is giving us a huge tip. It is like the teacher saying study page 22. The test tomorrow will only be on that page. Jesus is telling us we will be judged by his word so that we understand that we need to know his words and pay attention to them.

Acts 17:11

-Help them to understand the context that Paul was an apostle spreading the gospel to many different cities

- When you hear the word noble what do you think of?
- Why did Paul call them noble?
- What did they specifically do with scriptures

-3E Challenge: Eagerly, Examine, Every day

- What does it mean to be eager
- What is the difference between examining and reading?
- Why do you think it is important to read the Bible every day?

Closing question:

- Are you willing to do this and take the 3E challenge?
- If so, give them some homework to start reading

Homework for the Person Studying

- Start reading one of the Gospels (Mark or Luke)
- Read at least 1 chapter a day
- Take notes: something you learned / a question you have / or how does it apply today

Why we ask them to do this homework:

- Helps us to see if they are reading every day
- You can determine how much they are examining the scriptures by what they are learning or asking questions about.

Close out in Prayer

Set up the Next Study

Additional scriptures

- Here are some additional scriptures that you can use in this study:
 - Romans 10:17 (Faith is developed by reading the Word of God)
 - 1 Timothy 4:16 (It is important to watch both your life and what you believe)
 - Matthew 7:24-27 (Obedience to the Word is our solid foundation)
 - Psalm 119:97-104 (The Bible gives us tremendous wisdom)
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OPEN Q&A (20 minutes)

Homework for December 2nd

- Review scriptures and suggested questions.
- Be prepared to teach them when we get together next. (role play)
- Last week we asked you to pray about someone you want to study the Bible with.
 - The next step is challenge you to ask them to study the Bible.