

Lesson One: Bible Basics

Sunday, January 14, 2018

The first step, I believe, in learning Bible basics is to open the Bible and read! Why should we read the Bible? Reading the Bible is a way Christians receive communication from God. Like checking your email or voice mail for messages, the Bible is where God allowed some of His thoughts to be written down for us to learn from Him. Because the Bible contains God's thoughts, recorded by men under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it is different from any other book in the world. The Holy Spirit is at work any time a Christian reads the Bible, helping the to understand what is written. *—Christian Broadcast Network*

How is your Bible reading?

1. How did you prepare your heart and mind for worship today? What physical (reading or recitation) part did the Bible play in your preparation?
2. What is God speaking into your spirit? What Scriptures have the circumstances in your life led you to read?
3. In order to get to know the Bible, we must pick it up, open it, and read it. What does God say about reading the Bible?

Joshua 1:8

Nehemiah 8:3

Romans 10:17

Hebrews 4:12

2 Timothy 3:16-17

4. Meditation and reflection

When John G. Mitchell, of Multnomah School of the Bible, was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Tacoma, Washington, he heard Dr. G. Campbell Morgan preach. The man knew his text, and young Mitchell was impressed. In fact, he asked the visiting Bible teacher how he understood Scripture so well. "If I told you, you wouldn't do it," the older man said. "Just try me," Mitchell insisted. "Before I study a book, I read it fifty times," the veteran explained. - John G. Mitchell

- Make time to meditate and reflect
- Write out Scripture
- Make it personal. As you read, replace the pronouns with your name.

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- Listen for Scripture in hymns and sermons
- Do not go to the Bible with stereotype ideas which you seek to confirm, but with an open mind, seeking to discover what God says.

5. Bible Basics: Write out your responses to the following questions.

Where is the best place to keep your Bible? Psalm 119:11

Will you always understand easily all you read in the Bible? II Peter 3:15, 16

What would be a good prayer for us to offer before beginning Bible Study?
Psalm 119:18

The following verses mention three purposes for which the Bible was given to us:
John 20:31, Romans 15:4, I Corinthians 10:11

6. Bible Reading Plan

Partner with people who want to talk about Scripture. If you start the conversation, God will bring those people into your life.

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****Are there other topics you would like to see included in this series?**