

The Right Approach To The Bible

Learning about the Bible is the #1 way we learn about God. We need to commit to know and learn God's Word if we want our relationship with God to grow and be strong.

If we love Jesus, we will love the Word of God. In the same way we love the Word of God is the same way we will love Jesus. The Bible is the way we fall in love with Jesus.

DAY 1



Big
Idea

My relationship with God is as strong as my relationship with God's Word.



To get the most out of these series, let me encourage you to do a few things.

- **Make this a priority.**
- **Bring your Bible with you to this study.** Get a paper Bible. Every Scripture we use in this study, we are actually going to turn to it in our Bibles.
- **Bring a pen or pencil and a notebook.** Write down some notes or takeaways from each session. The difference between Bible reading and Bible study is a pen or pencil.

What I want for you is to become a lifelong learner of the Bible. A life-long student. Give you a knife and a fork so that you can feed yourself God's Word. When we are babies, we need someone to feed us, but as we grow older, we learn to feed ourselves. That is what I am going to teach you to do.

How many of you have heard the phrase – **give a man a fish and you have fed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you have fed him for a lifetime.**

I remember when I first took my oldest son Braden fishing. He was five or six at the time. I taught him how to put the worm on the hook. Tie the hook on the fishing string, taught him how to cast it, watch the bobber and when that bobber started bouncing – pull up and reel it in.

It took patience to teach him to do all that, but he caught a fish after a little bit of practice.

The joy on his face when he caught his first fish on his own was priceless.



Now I could have brought him with me and caught a fish for him – he probably would have been pretty bored with that – but putting the work in, learning how to do it for himself – the personal satisfaction and joy were evident – This is the picture of joy in a boy when he catches his own fish.

That's what I want for you. That's what I wish for you for the rest of your life regarding the Bible. I want to teach you how to study the Bible and experience the blessing of doing it yourself. You know what will happen when you do – **JOY**.

You will know a lot about the Bible when we are done, but hopefully, you will be closer to God, stronger in the Lord, and experiencing the blessings that the Bible promises from those who love God's Word.



John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God..."

Spending time in the Word of God is spending time with Jesus

The same power that is in Jesus is in the Word of God.

For some, their experience with the Bible has not been exciting so far; perhaps they approached the Bible as a history book or a storybook, or even a devotional book. But, it's much more than those things.



Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

God's Word is God's voice – It's his self-revelation to us. It's how we get to know Him. It's how we hear His voice. My sheep know my voice.

- **God breathed.** Its not just a book. Its life. Its breath.
- **Inspired.** God wrote the Bible man held the pen.



2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

- The Bible is not a good luck charm or magical



Matthew 7:24-27 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

What is your one takeaway from this session?