

Series: God Speaks

Sermon Notes & Community Group Discussion
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How To Study The Bible

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Psalm 119:105

In order to read the Bible for all it's worth we need two things:

1. We need for God to open our eyes.
2. We need to approach the Scripture with the right mind and heart condition.

R.E.A.P. Bible Study Method

1. Read.

2. Examine.

-What does the Scripture actually say?

-What does it mean?

-What truth is being communicated here?

3. Action.

4. Prayer.

The challenge for this week:

Read through a chapter of the book of James for the next 5 days using and journaling the R.E.A.P. method.

Community Group Questions

1. Do you feel lost when it comes to studying the Bible? Do you feel confident? Why or why not?
2. When reading/studying the Bible do you have a particular method or plan that helps guide you?
3. Read Psalm 119:105. How could the R.E.A.P. method (Reading. Examine. Action. Prayer) will help you read the Scriptures for all they are worth?

4. **Read.**

At what time during the day are you most-focused, attentive, and mentally-prepared to read the Bible? Why is it important to read in these moments?

5. **Examine.**

Resources like commentaries are great for helping you determine context, authorship, historical setting, etc. for a Bible passage. What resources could you use when examining a particular text in the Scriptures?

6. **Action.**

Why is creating an action item an indispensable part of Bible study?

7. **Prayer.**

Why is finishing your Bible reading with a prayer critical to the overall experience?

8. **Journaling.**

Why is journaling the R.E.A.P. an important component to this study method?

**Don't forget that this week's challenge is to read the book of James using the R.E.A.P. method and journal*

