

OUR GOD HAS SPOKEN

He has spoken clearly to us. He has spoken through nature (Romans 1:20). He has spoken through His prophets and priests. He has spoken through Jesus Christ. He has also graciously spoken through His written Word, the Bible. It is evident that God wants us to get to know Him. In our quest to become a fully devoted follower of Christ, we must invest ourselves in personal Bible reading, study, meditation, and life application.

God wants us to grow as a Christian and to lead a life that pleases Him. In Joshua 1:8 we read, *“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”*

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

1. Participate in a Small Group or Sunday School. *Contact the church office for more information.*
2. Select a daily Bible reading plan at www.biblegateway.com.
3. Find time each day for Bible reading and study.
4. Select a partner who will hold you accountable in Bible study. Schedule a time each week to talk to one another about your Bible study.
5. Invest in resources that will help you study the Bible.
 - A. Bible Commentary - Christ-Centered Exposition, Matthew Henry's Commentary, Holman Commentary, and the New American Commentary
6. Add books to your Bible study library such as:
 - The New Evidence That Demands A Verdict by Josh McDowell
 - Grasping God's Word by Duvall and Hayes
 - Read the Bible for Life by George H. Guthrie
 - The Divine Mentor by Wayne Cordeiro
 - Growing in Christ by The Navigators

Memorial uses the ESV Bible to teach and preach from. Other suggested translations: NSAV and CSB

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

OBSERVATION

Questions

- WHO** is the text talking about?
- WHAT** is the text talking about?
- WHERE?** Is there any mention of a location?
- WHEN** is this happening?
- WHY** do you think this passage is in the Bible?
- WHEREFORE** (why) does this passage matter?

INTERPRETATION

Questions

- CONTENT:** retell what the passage is about in your own words
- CONTEXT:** read the verses before and after the passage
 - >> *Use outside resources to do the next three Interpretation Questions.*
- COMPARISON:** Compare the passage you're studying with other passages that share the same words, topics or ideas.
- CULTURE:** Do your resources say anything about the culture that sheds light on what the passage is saying?
- CONSULTATION:** Discover what others think about the passage.
 - What is the opinion of the writer of your resources?
 - Do your authors share the same opinion?

APPLICATION

Questions

KNOW IT

Do you feel as if you have a handle of what the passage is saying?

RELATE IT

How does the passage relate to your life? Does it speak to anything you or someone you know is struggling with?

MEMORIZE IT

Is there any particular verse that stands out to you specifically? Spend time trying to memorize it for speedy recall.

MEDITATE ON IT

Meditation in the Bible means to “mull it over” or “chew on it.” Memorizing a verse helps you do that more effectively. Spend time today thinking about the passage. God may shine light on it after giving it some thought.

PRACTICE IT

What are the verbs in the passage? Is there an example to follow? Is there an example of “what not to do?” Ask God to help you put what you've learned into practice.

Information based on the teachings of Howard Hendrix

OUTSIDE RESOURCES TO USE

biblestudytools.com

gospelparallels.com

biblegateway.com

biblehub.com

stepbible.org

gotquestions.org



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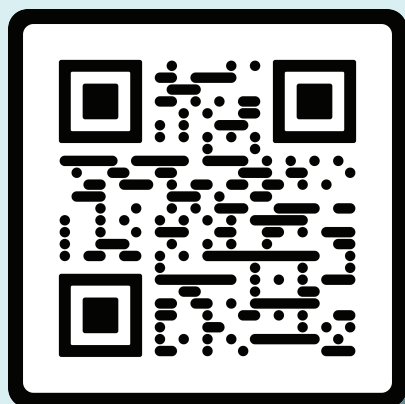
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