

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing our series on Growing in your relationship with God. Today's topic: HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

1) Why we should study the Bible

- a. In part #4 of this series on Growing in your relationship with God, we considered the importance of the Bible as we seek to grow in a relationship with God. What lessons did you learn from that study?
- b. What inspired testimonies in the Bible emphasize the importance and purpose of the Scriptures? 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:15, Psalm 119:16, John 5:39-40, etc.

2) How to study the Bible

- a. Set aside special time for Bible study
 - i. Psalm 143:8, 5:3
 - ii. When did you decide to set aside a special time in your day for Bible study? What time of the day works best for you?
- b. Choose a special place for Bible study
 - i. Mark 1:35 Luke 22:39-41 Jesus chose special places for Bible study and prayer.
 - ii. While we can study the Bible anywhere, what would be an ideal location to study God's Word?
 - iii. What lesson can we learn from Mary of Bethany about finding a special place to listen to the Word of God? Luke 10:39-42
 - iv. How can any location become "the feet of Jesus" ?

c. Study the Bible prayerfully and carefully

- i. What Scriptures remind us of the importance of prayer when we study the Word of God? Jeremiah 33:3, James 1:5, etc.
- ii. How does the Holy Spirit help us when we seek to carefully study the Bible? John 16:13 (see also Luke 11:13)
- iii. What lessons can we learn from the testimony of the Psalmist? Psalm 119:10-11,103-105
- iv. What lessons have you learned from others about how to study of the Bible?

4) Share what you have learned with others

- a. What lessons can we learn from Peter's testimony before the Sanhedrin about sharing what we have learned with others? Acts 4:8-12
- b. What are your thoughts about the prayer of Christians recorded in Acts 4:29-31?
- c. What lessons can we learn from Philip the deacon about sharing what we have learned from the Word of God with others? Acts 8:26-35
- d. What promise did the LORD give through the prophet Isaiah? Isaiah 55:10-12
- e. What is your testimony about sharing what you have learned from God's Word with others?

