



## The Bible

### STEP 2A

Studying the Bible is essential for growing in faith, understanding God's will, and living a life that honors Him. The Bible is God's inspired Word, offering guidance, wisdom, and truth for every aspect of life.

Let's explore why and how we should engage with Scripture, emphasizing its transformative power.

#### **1. The Bible is God's Inspired Word**

2 Timothy 3:16-17

*"All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."*

#### **2. The Bible Reveals God's Truth**

Psalms 119:105

*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*

#### **3. The Bible Transforms Us**

Hebrews 4:12

*"For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."*

#### **4. The Bible Requires Diligent Study**

2 Timothy 2:15

*"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly handling the word of truth."*

#### **5. The Bible Calls for Application**

James 1:22

*"But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."*

The Bible is more than a book; it is God's revelation to humanity, guiding us to know Him and live according to His purpose.

John 17:17

*"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."*

Through consistent study, prayer, and application, the Bible shapes our character and aligns our lives with God's will.

Psalm 119:11

*"I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you."*

The Bible equips us to navigate life's challenges and grow in faith.

Joshua 1:8

*"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."*

1. Based on 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and John 17:17, how would you describe the purpose and authority of the Bible in your own words? Why is it important to view Scripture as God's inspired Word?
2. Psalm 119:105 compares God's Word to a lamp and light. How has studying the Bible provided guidance or clarity in a specific situation in your life?
3. Hebrews 4:12 describes the Bible as "living and effective" and able to judge our thoughts. Can you share a time when a Scripture passage challenged or changed your perspective? How can we stay open to this transformative power?
4. According to 2 Timothy 2:15, we are to "correctly handle" the word of truth. What are some practical ways to study the Bible diligently, and what challenges do you face in maintaining consistent Bible study?
5. James 1:22 emphasizes being "doers of the word." Can you identify an area in your life where you've struggled to apply a biblical teaching? How can you take steps to live out God's Word more fully in that area?