

## DISCIPLE SERIES #2

### GROWING THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD

At the conclusion of Matthew in chapter 28, verse 18 we read:

*“Then Jesus came to them and said “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you”.*

Now that we know what a disciple is and what is required of one we ask ourselves the question how do we grow in our walk with the Lord? This lesson puts us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of a six week study on discipleship were we will answer these questions and others as we strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***We read in II Timothy 3:16-17** “All scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

As Christian’s we are all called to discipleship. In becoming a disciple we need to be striving to grow closer to Jesus by doing four things. In this lesson we will look at the first thing we need be doing and that is reading the word of God. We will be looking at various scripture for reference and will study about the following things:

- A. The goal of Bible study.
- B. The rewards of Bible study.
- C. How to do an inductive Bible study.

Before we start, let’s **PRAY** and ask God’s Holy Spirit to open our hearts to receive His Word and to show us how to apply it in our life.

Let’s look at “The goal of Bible study”. In studying the Bible our goal is not to “master the scriptures” by gaining great amounts of knowledge about God, but rather to allow “the scriptures to master us” by applying them in all areas of our lives.

1. When we study the word of God what do we need to keep in mind?

1 Cor. 2:13-14 \_\_\_\_\_

2. What should be our attitude when it comes to the word of God?

1 Peter 2:2 \_\_\_\_\_

3. What should we do with the word of God when we study it?

Joshua 1:8 \_\_\_\_\_

*In studying the word of God may you have an open heart, a hungry heart, and an obedient heart!*

Let's look at "The rewards of Bible study". As we are studying the Bible God in turn blesses us. So in a sense there are rewards for us that come as a result of studying the word of God. Let's look at Psalm 19:7-11 as our scripture reference in learning what the rewards of studying God's word are.

4. What are two rewards that happen according to verse 7? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What are two rewards that happen according to verse 8? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What are two rewards that happen according to verse 9? \_\_\_\_\_  
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*In studying the word of God we are revived, made wise, find joy, enlightened, and learn that God is pure and righteous!*

Let's look at "How to do an inductive Bible study". We've looked at the goals of Bible study and the rewards of Bible study. Now let us look at how to study the Bible inductively. There are three things involved in doing this. The first is observation (what is it saying?). The second is interpretation (what does it mean?). The third is application (how can I apply it?). Let's look at John 1:12 inductively as an example.

7. Observation – What is it saying? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Interpretation – What does it mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Application – How can I apply it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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*In conclusion a Disciple of Jesus Christ is one who strives to live a life that is pleasing to Him by obeying the commandments He has given us through His word and reads His word, the Holy Bible consistently in order to learn of Him.*