
[SERMON NOTES]

Getting To the Point of Personal Study (1 Peter 1:17-25)

The point of the Bible is not to show you how _____ fits into _____, rather how _____ fit into _____.

The sole personal question of the Bible: Is God _____?

To be _____ the authority of Scripture means we anticipate our _____ being changed.

Stepping _____ God's Word leads to stepping out in _____.

How to READ for personal study:

R - *Reflect* over the passage. Pray for the Spirit's understanding. Write down any verse or word that jumped out at you.

E - *Examine* what occurred in the passage. What does it reveal about God? Others? Myself? How does it fit into God's story and the verses about it? *What did it mean to them back then?*

A - *Apply* the passage to your life. What does it mean for us today? What might God be saying to you personally through His Word? What applies to you directly - and what does not?

D - *Do* what this passage calls you to! How does it call you to action? Does it call you to change a thought about God? Your view of others or the world? Is there an action of obedience you need to begin to live out?

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

"I should to read my Bible more!" This is probably a thought that we have all had at some point in time. We usually understand the importance of reading Scripture, but for whatever reason that discipline and practice usually gets set aside. ***What has been your experience in creating time to read God's Word? Does it seem to come and go? If so, why do you think that is? Or if you have regular rhythms in reading Scripture - How did you get there?***

[DIGGING DEEPER]

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- Sermon Notes and Message Discussion Guide -

In this week's message we talked about the importance of personal study. We talked about the Bible, what it is, what it isn't, and why it is important in our relationship with God. ***If someone were to ask you, what is the Bible? What would your response be? Try to give a specific answer and explain what you would say.***

Psalm 119 is a long chapter but it is full of descriptive language about the words of God. ***Read all of Psalm 119 and write out AT LEAST 10 ways that stood out to you about how it describes God's Word.***

Read John 1:1-14. John is applying a concept to his readers that Jesus is the true living word of God. He is fully man and fully God who came to reveal God to man and redeem all who believe in Him from their sin. ***In your own words, explain what it means that God's word is "living" and why it is important?***

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5. Circle and write out the different qualities and uses of Scripture listed in this passage and how have you seen Scripture used in these ways?

In Eric's message, he talked about the common roadblocks people face to reading the Bible and having a healthy level of personal study. Things people find themselves thinking like... ***"I don't understand it" ... "I don't have time" ... "It's old and dated" ... "I don't know how or where to start" ... "It's boring" ... "It's just about how to get into heaven" ... Would you add any to this list? Have you struggled with any of these and if so, which ones? How would you counteract some of these roadblocks (both personally or if someone asked you about them)?***

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible and READ (Reflect, Examine, Apply, Do).

Hebrews 4:12-13

Romans 15:4-7

Joshua 1:8

John 8:31-32