



# HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

## **1. PICK A TIME, HAVE A PLACE, AND BE PREPARED**

Your study time is more likely to happen if you have a regular time and place to meet with the Lord for study and prayer.

## **2. PRAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT'S GUIDANCE**

Bible study is more than just gaining knowledge of God's Word, it's developing a relationship with God's Son.

Begin by asking the Lord to help you understand His Word. Use your own words, or pray what the Scriptures themselves say:

*"Lord, thank You for Your Word so that I may know You and what You desire for my life. Now I ask You, please, to give me the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to know you better" (Ephesians 1:17). Lord, open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law" (Psalm 119:18); open my mind to understand the Scriptures"(Luke 24:45), and to do what You want me to do."*

## **3. READ AND RE-READ THE SCRIPTURES**

There is no other book like the Bible! It is the most important book you will ever read; a message from the God who created you, who loves you and who wants to have a relationship with you. Train your ear to listen to your Shepherd's voice as you prayerfully, purposefully, thoughtfully, inquiringly... and slowly read and re-read His love-letter to you.

## **4. STUDY THE SCRIPTURES**

The goal of Bible study is *transformation*: A changed life, and that requires good interpretation as well as application of the Scripture. The method of "Inductive Study" teaches us how to think and to correctly apply the Word of God by following these 4 steps:

***Observation ~ Interpretation ~ Application ~ Response***