

Bible Study Training – Part 1

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I. Introduction.

II. What God wants to do.

- A. To save men. (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9; Luke 19:10)
- B. To grow men to become like Jesus. (2 Peter 3:18; Romans 8:29; Ephesians 4:13)
 - 1. To reach the lost.
 - 2. To make a living demonstration of his power and glory.
 - 3. To bring glory to God's name.
 - 4. For our own good. (John 7:38)
 - 5. To prepare us for heaven.

III. How God intends to do it.

- A. Through the gospel. (Romans 1:16)
- B. Growth happens with his Word, by his Spirit and through his people. (2 Corinthians 3:18)
 - 1. The Word. (1 Peter 2:2; Hebrews 5:13-14; Isaiah 28:9-10)
 - 2. By his Spirit. (Zechariah 4:6; 1 Corinthians 3:6; 2 Corinthians 6:1)
 - 3. Through his people.

IV. How Bible study fits in.

- A. Bible study is a tool for confronting men with Christ and helping mature the believer.
- B. The leader.
 - 1. Marks of an effective Bible study leader: care, square, prayer, prepare and share.
 - 2. People do not know how much you know until they find out how much you care. (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8; 2 Corinthians 13:9)
 - 3. Your life must square with what you teach. (Philippians 4:9)
 - 4. Pray all the time. (Ephesians 6:18; Luke 18:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ezekiel 37))
 - 5. Prepare your heart to seek the law and do it. Prepare your mind. Prepare your spirit. (Ezra 7:10; 2 Timothy 2:10; Hosea 12:6; Titus 1:1-2)

6. Sharing honestly about joys and fears, problems and needs sets the right tone for a Bible study group.

C. The group.

D. The study.

V. Sample Bible study lessons.

Application questions:

1. How does Bible study fit into personal growth?

2. What are some of the marks of a good Bible study?

3. How can you develop more to prepare as a Bible study leader? Explain.
