



## READING AND STUDYING THE BIBLE

**Objective for Learning:** To understand the importance of God's Word and the need to continue our study, love and devotion to the Scriptures.

**Objective for Living:** To cultivate a habit of daily devotion to reading and studying the Word of God.

**Objective for Reproducing:** To be able to teach others how to rightly read and study Scripture and then mobilize them to form a daily rhythm of seeking God in the Scriptures.

### Scriptures for Reading and Studying the Bible:

- Psalm 111:2
- Proverbs 3:1-2
- Hebrew 4:12
- Colossians 3:16
- Psalm 119:105
- Romans 15:4
- 2 Timothy 2:15
- Psalm 119:47-48
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Ezra 7:10

How do each of these Scriptures help to **define** and **illuminate** why the study and understanding of Scripture it is important?

### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

#### Overview:

The Bible is not a moralistic self-help exercise centered on us, but God's revelation centered on Him. It is one of the primary ways we learn about who God is and get to know Him intimately. Within Scripture we begin to recognize God's character, heart, and passions. We gain wisdom, learn and discern God's promises, and begin to see things through a Biblical, Gospel-centered worldview. We learn what it means to follow Jesus, are instructed in righteousness, and how our faith is supposed to manifest itself

in our everyday lives. The Bible gives us insight into who God is, who we are in Him, and how we play a part in the larger narrative of God's story.

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What has been some successful ways that you have been able to make reading and studying the Bible a daily habit?
- Why is it important for us to read through the entire Bible and not just read devotionals or specific sections?
- There are countless ways to effectively read and study the Bible. What are some ways that you have read or studied the Bible that have been the most effective?
  - What are some non-negotiable things you do to properly read and study the Bible?

### **Questions for Reproducing:**

- How have you seen people help others cultivate a habit of reading the Word?
- What are the reasons that you have seen that have kept people from reading the Word consistently?
  - What are some ways to combat those roadblocks?
- What are some ways to help people truly fall in love with the Scriptures?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or reproducing in this area.
- As a group, study a passage of Scripture together this week. Come back together and share what you learned and how you went about studying that passage.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.