

How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth

The goal of good Bible study is to understand what the Bible is saying and how it applies to your life. It is through applying the Word that God changes our lives.

Scripture: What does it say?

- Pray that God will speak to you today.
- Read through your section of Scripture for the day.
- Mark the areas where God draws your attention.

Observation: What does it mean?

- What is the context? What is happening around the passage?
- What is the passage about? A theme or idea?
- What are the commands or promises for me today?
- What do I learn about God?

Application: What does it mean to me?

- What did I learn?
- How does this apply to my relationship with God?
- How does this apply to my work, school, home or church?
- Where do I fall short? Why do I fall short?
- What will I do about it?
- How can I make this principle a consistent part of my life?

Pray: Ask God for help in understanding His instructions and for the power to obey Him today.

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. James 1:22