

Message #6 Small group Study

I have enjoyed this series so much. Focusing upon the Word of God will yield great benefits to our lives and to the kingdom of God. My personal goal is to give more time to studying and knowing the God of the Bible. I will find Him when I seek Him with all of my heart, and I will find Him in the Scripture, as He calls Himself in John 1, the Word.

So, in the message on Sunday, I gave a brief idea of how to study the Bible using the who, what where, when and why method. This is simply one of the techniques to use to study God's Word, and it is a good one. So, in our care group time, I want you to use this method like I did, to open up our understanding of the Bible and most importantly, to apply the Word to our lives.

Alright, can you open the door in prayer and ask the Lord to fellowship with You in the Word?

Let's go to a passage and read it. Now, I chose this passage because it is closely linked to the passage I started with on Sunday. I am making the first part very easy, now answer..

Who is writing?

What is this person talking about?

Where is the writing taking place? (May not be as important as other factors)

When is this taking place? (May not be as important as other factors)

Why is Paul (oops) writing this? (May need to understand the prior chapter a bit)

What is the atmosphere or tone of the writing? (Maybe verse 1 can help with that)

Romans 12:2 (ESV): *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

After reading, what do you think is the meaning of this verse in the context of the prior verse and possibly the rest of the chapter that follows?

Now, the most important aspect of study that is most often forgotten – how do you want to apply this to your life? What steps can you take, real life steps, to make this verse a reality for you?

The last step would be to pray. God, would you bless the Word and make it so in my life? You can take it from here, maybe share with your group what God said to you. Even though it may be digital sharing it is still uplifting to hear what God is doing in each other's lives.

Bless you all! Thank you for handle the Word with excellence. Thank You for honoring the Word. The Lord is pleased. Let's worship Him with our lives!

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV): *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV): *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*

Revelation 3:20 (NLT): *Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.*

Romans 12:1–2 (ESV): *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Jeremiah 1:12 (ESV): *Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it.”*

God bless you guys