

Study 1: The Word of God

Purpose:

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ (Romans 10:17). Thus, the aim of studying the Word of God is to help a seeker build faith in Jesus. One must accept the bible as the one true standard (vs. feelings, experiences, peers' opinions, or family traditions) by which to live life if one is to know true salvation from Jesus.

Scriptures:

- 2 Timothy 3:16–17 –
 - All scripture is God-breathed
 - It is to be applied to our lives
 - The Word will prepare us for every spiritual challenge
- Hebrews 4:12–13 –
 - The Word of God is relevant to our lives
 - The Word cuts and convicts. Like a surgeon's scalpel it is meant to cut the bad out.
 - The Word will lay our lives bare
- 1 Timothy 4:15–16 –
 - How we live and what we teach are equally important
 - Illustration: which wing of a plane is more important
- John 8:31–32 –
 - Intellectual belief is not enough
 - Real disciples hold to the Word
 - We must know the Bible to hold to it
- John 12:47–48 –
 - Rejecting the Word is equated with rejection of Jesus and his salvation.
 - The Bible is the standard by which we will be judged on the last day
 - Are you willing to make the Bible the standard for your life?
- Acts 17:10–11 –
 - A good hearted seeker is willing to read everyday
 - We are ultimately responsible for what we believe. Religious leaders can be wrong, so we cannot become lazy.
 - Are you willing to read and study the Bible everyday?

Additional Scriptures:

[John 7:17](#), [Matthew 13:1–23](#), [2 Peter 3:16](#), [Mark 7:6–9](#), [John 8:31–32](#), [James 1:22–25](#), [2 Timothy 2:15](#), [1 Thessalonians 2:13](#), [Psalms 119:60](#), [2 Timothy 4:2–3](#), [Ezekiel 33:30–33](#), [Jude 3](#), [1 Corinthians 4:4](#), [2 Peter 1:19–21](#), [Proverbs 3:5](#), [Proverbs 14:12](#), [Proverbs 16:2](#), [Proverbs 28:26](#), [Proverbs 30:5–6](#), [Proverbs 28:9](#)