

## BIBLE READING

# Bible Reading Discussion Leaders' Notes

## Bible Devotions

### The Bible—a letter from God to us.

- Answers to life's toughest questions
- Treasures of truth
- More than relevant—ahead of the times

(Not revealed to the casual reader)

(Not revealed to the reader with an impure heart or mind.)

### The Key to the Bible

- Yield your heart and mind to the Holy Spirit.
  - Chief purpose of Holy Spirit is to show you how wonderful the Lord Jesus is, and reveal that glory in the Bible
- Human Need
  - A sincere desire to discover- hungry for spiritual food.

“...anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that He rewards *those that earnestly seek Him.*” (Hebrews 11:6)

(We are able to understand all God's Word that we want to understand)

### Spending time with God's Word

- If you love someone you will want to spend time with them
- If we love God we will want to know what He has to say to us
- We don't find time; we make time to read the Bible
- Discipline your life and determinedly resist all the subtle suggestions for forgetting time with God's Word
- It is absolutely necessary that we spend time in God's Word to guard our hearts against enemy infiltration.
  - Jesus spent time with His Father and knew His Word. When faced with temptation from Satan Jesus responded,

“*It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*” (Matthew 4:4)

## Research

- Time spent must not be merely reading, but studying
- Extra discipline is needed to study the Bible

“Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that doesn’t need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.” (II Timothy 2:15)

- Tools:

Concordance: helps you to find Scriptures you only partly remember

Bible Dictionary: defines and explains Bible terms and terminology

Commentary: further explains passages one may have questions about

Journal: Keep a note book and pen handy to record your studies— what God has been speaking to you about in His Word?

### **Meditation**

Rethinking all passages of Scripture into our daily experiences, and using God’s Word to express our feelings and decisions.

- Purifies the thought life and helps us to learn God’s own language to talk to Him
- Alters old habits of our minds and brings every thought into captivity for Christ.

“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” (II Corinthians 10:5)

### **Memorization**

The most effective tool for using the Word of God in life

“We must daily take time to hide the Word of God in our hearts that we might not sin against God.” (Psalm 119:11)

- Write out the verse you want to learn and carry it with you all day, reading it every spare moment you have.

### **Final Say**

We must learn to feed ourselves from the Word of God, to unlock the secrets of power with God and light a torch of faith and fire for your generation!