

Second Study

The Word of God

Question: *How is your Bible reading going? What have you been learning?*

All the Bible is from God

2 Ti. 3 14-15 A knowledge of salvation comes through the scriptures. God's plan is clear.

16-17 All Scripture is God inspired and ALL of it useful for everyday life.

How do I apply the scriptures?

We translate not interpret!

2 Pe. 1:12-15 We must accurately understand the word!

16-18 The words are all true. The story is no myth!

19 The Word was certain about Jesus, we must hold fast to it until we understand it.

20-21 If the prophets weren't to interpret scripture, neither should we! We translate what God is saying into our lives. The Holy Spirit inspired the prophets with exactly what to say, we just need to follow it! *How might we "interpret" vs. translate?*

The Word reveals our true hearts

Hebrews 4:12-13 The Word is relevant (alive) and active (dynamic). It transcends time and is as applicable today as when it was written. The word penetrates like a sword revealing what's really going on inside. It can cut us and "hurt" at times, but that is a good thing as it encourages us to repent and change.

Be careful of traditions

Mt. 15:1-9 Be careful of any religious traditions that supersede the word of God!
Do I have any?

The Bible must always be our standard

Jn. 8:31-32 Our belief is not enough alone. We must not only believe what he says but obey it! The Bible must be our standard for everything in life. *How would that look?*

We have the word for a reason

Jn 12:47-50 We will all stand before God in judgment. The good news is he has already given us all we need to know through the Word. The Word that brings life when we hold on to it will also condemn if we fail to. It is vital that we read the Word and live out lives according to its standard.

Be a Berean!

Acts 17:11 The Bereans were eager to learn. They read the scriptures eagerly and daily. Dig in there and find out for yourself what God has to say! Are you willing to make the Bible *your* standard? Begin a practice of reading, studying, and applying the Word daily in your life.