

Bible Study **Acts 17:11-12**

Talk of reading Bible

Recent classes mention remembering the Word
Need to Study also - Acts 2:42; 1Peter 2:2

Importance

Word Sanctifies - John 17:17

Word Preserves - Acts 20:32

Word Saves and Condemns - James 1:21; John 12:48

Neglected

Listening to teacher is enough - Apollos Acts 18; 1John 4:1

Hard to understand - Ephesians 3:4

Not enough time - Matthew 6:33

Methods

Planned Lessons - Class books, Correspondence lessons

Subject or Topic

- Concordance, Topical Bible

- Consider all passages on topic

- Must be careful to remember context

Book or Exegesis - Detailed study of entire book or passage

- Book study useful - keeps context in mind

- Originally presented as 'books'

- Works well with daily reading program also

 - Overall view with daily reading + detailed view of intensive passage study

- Similar to advice from Pawpaw - "Read like a novel from cover to cover then go back & study each section in depth"

Assists

5 Ws - Who speaking to Whom; What addressed; When spoken; Where found; Why spoken

Regularity

Prayer

Study Helps

- Translations - (N)KJV, (N)ASB, ESV, NIV & NEB (easy to read, but not precise)

 - Avoid one man/denomination versions (Living Bible, New World)

- Thompson Chain Reference (KJ,NAS,NKJ,NIV) - good reference system

- Dickson (KJV - out of print)

- Dictionary - Regular & Bible

 - Davis, Easton's Vine's - Greek & English

- Concordance - Young's; Strong's; Cruden's; Nave's Topical Bible

- Encyclopedia - Information on people, places, and things in Bible

 - Zondervan's; International Standard; Halley's Bible Handbook

- Bible Atlas

- Commentaries - Not inspired, but learned men

- Old Periodicals/Articles

- Many of these are available in electronic form as part of Bible study programs/apps

Mainly need a Bible

Grandfather - Vine's, Young's, Nave's, Johnson's & a Dickson Study Bible

Exercise care with men's writings.

Remember context; Be consistent - 2Timothy 2:15