

How to Study the Bible: Preparing Our Heart

Romans 12:1-2

Point #1—In order to prepare ourselves to hear from God and receive what He has for us, we must approach the Bible _____.

- John Piper's prayerful acronym—I.O.U.S.
 - I—Incline my heart
 - **Psalm 119:36**
 - O—Open my eyes
 - **Psalm 119:18**
 - U—Unite my heart
 - **Psalm 86:11**
 - S—Satisfy me
 - **Psalm 90:14**
 - **Psalm 16:11**

Point #2— In order to prepare ourselves to hear from God and receive what He has for us, we must approach the Bible _____.

- How we approach God through His Word says a lot about what we think about God.

Point #3—In order to prepare ourselves to hear from God and receive what He has for us, we must approach the Bible _____.

- ASK:
 - *Do you approach the Bible more like a snack OR a feast?*
 - *What is more accurate to say: that you're "willing" to hear from God OR that you're "desperate" to hear from God?*
 - *Are you merely "interested" in Scripture OR are you "internalizing" them?*
- **Deuteronomy 8:3**

Point #4— In order to prepare ourselves to hear from God and receive what He has for us, we must approach the Bible _____.

- **Matt Smethurst**—“We study God to praise God. [But] we cannot praise what we do not know” ...Therefore, “The purpose of theology is to stoke your worship, to deepen your love, to fuel your mission, and to sustain your life.”

Point #5— In order to prepare ourselves to hear from God and receive what He has for us, we must approach the Bible _____.

- **John 15:10**
- “Following him is not an alternative to your joy; it’s the secret to it.”
- The benefits of obedience follow obedience!

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- **John 15:11**
- **1 John 1:4**
- **John 17:13**

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- **Colossians 3:16**

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- **Luke 24:27-27**
- **Luke 24:44-45**
- **John 5:39, 46**