

Week 6

Hungering for the Word: Spiritual Satiation and God's Word

The Bible isn't a reference manual or a rulebook — it's the place God meets you, shapes you, sanctifies you.

Day 1 — Developing an Appetite for Scripture

Optional Reading: Deuteronomy 8 • Matthew 4 • Job 23 • Jeremiah 15 • Psalm 119 • Amos 8

"Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the word, so that you may grow up into your salvation." (1 Peter 2:2)

Nobody has to convince a hungry baby to eat. Craving is instinctive, not scheduled. Spiritual hunger for the Bible often has to be cultivated rather than assumed — it grows the more you taste it, not the other way around.

If you don't feel hungry for Scripture yet, that's not a disqualification. It's a starting point. Ask God to grow the appetite as you show up to the table.

Bible Study Questions

1. Read Deuteronomy 8:3. According to this verse, what does man live on?

2. Read Matthew 4:4. What verse does Jesus quote in response to the Satan's temptations?

3. Read Job 23:12. What does Job say he has treasured more than his necessary food?

4. Read Jeremiah 15:16. What does the prophet say happened when God's words "came," and what did they become to him?

5. Read Psalm 119:9. Write out the question the young man asks in this verse.

6. Read Psalm 119:11. Where does the psalmist say he has hidden God's word? Why?

7. Read Psalm 119:16. What two things does this verse say about the psalmist's delight and forgetting?

8. Read Amos 8:11. According to this verse, what kind of famine does God say he will send — and what will people be unable to find during the famine?

Reflect: *Would you describe your current relationship with the Bible as hunger, obligation, or something else? Why? Imagine a famine of God's word — how can you prevent starving yourself?*

Journal: *What impacted you during this devotion? How will you apply this to your life?*

Day 2 — Reading the Bible as Relationship, Not Homework

Optional Reading: 1 Samuel 3 • Exodus 33 • John 15 • Job 42 • Luke 24 • John 5 • Isaiah 30 • Revelation 3.

“You pore over the Scriptures...yet you are not willing to come to me to have life.” (John 5:39-40)

You don't read the Bible to find God. You read it because God has already been trying to find *you* — and this is how he chose to do it: not with a lightning bolt, not with a voice from the sky, but with words on a page patient enough to wait until you're finally ready to listen.

Which means the real question was never whether you could find God in these pages. It's whether you're finally ready to stop and hear what he's already been saying.

Bible Study Questions

1. Read 1 Samuel 3:9-10. What does Samuel request? What does he say he is doing after his request?

2. Read Exodus 33:11. What two ways does God speak to Moses?

3. Read John 15:15. What reason does Christ give for calling his followers friends?

4. Read Job 42:1-6. What does the Lord tell Job in verse 4? In verse 5, what does Job finally realize?

5. Read Luke 24:32. Write out the question the two travelers ask each other about their hearts.

6. Read John 5:39. What does Jesus say the Scriptures testify about?

7. Read Isaiah 30:21. What does God do in this verse?

8. Read Revelation 3:20. What will Christ do if we listen and allow Him in?

Reflect: *What would change about how you read the Bible if you approached it as a letter from someone who loves you?*

Journal: *What impacted you during this devotion? How will you apply this to your life?*

Day 3 — A Balanced Diet of Scripture

Optional Reading: Deut 8 • 1 Chronicles 16 • Psalm 34 • Proverbs 1 • John 1 • Luke 24 • Philippians 4 • 2 Timothy 3.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16)

No one thrives on a diet of only bread, even really good bread. Your body needs protein, something green, a little sweetness, or it starts to break down no matter how much bread you eat. Your soul works the same way. History shows you God's faithfulness across centuries. Poetry teaches you how to feel what you can't always explain. The Gospels put a face on everything the rest of the Bible was pointing toward. The Letters show you how to actually live it out.

Skip a food group long enough, and something in you starts to starve — even while you're still eating.

Bible Study Questions

1. Read Deuteronomy 8:2. What does this verse tell Israel to remember and why does it matter?

2. Read 1 Chronicles 16:12. According to this verse, what are God's people instructed to remember?

3. Read Psalm 34:10. How does the psalmist say to avoid lacking any good thing?

4. Read Proverbs 1:2-4. According to this verse, what is the purpose of the book of Proverbs?

5. Read John 1:14. According to this verse, what did the Word become, and what did the witnesses see?

6. Read Luke 24:27. According to this verse, who did Jesus say the whole of Scripture was actually about?

7. Read Philippians 4:9. According to this verse, what does Paul tell believers to do with what they learned?

8. Read 2 Timothy 3:17. According to this verse, what is the end goal?

Reflect: Which part of the Bible do you know least — and could commit to exploring one chapter at a time this week?

Journal: What impacted you during this devotion? How will you apply this to your life?

Day 4 — Hiding Scripture in Your Heart

Optional Reading: Deuteronomy 6 • Proverbs 7 • Matthew 4 • Psalm 119 • Job 22 • Proverbs 3

“I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you.” (Psalm 119:11)

When Jesus faced temptation in the wilderness, he answered every attack by quoting Scripture he'd already stored away. He didn't have time to look it up in the moment — it was already his.

You don't need to memorize the whole Bible. You need a few verses tucked into memory for the specific battles you actually face.

Bible Study Questions

1. Read Deuteronomy 6:6. Where are these commandments to be, according to this verse?

2. Read Deuteronomy 6:8–9. List the places these words are to be tied, bound, or written.

3. Read Proverbs 7:3. What two things does Solomon tell his son to do with his commands?

4. Read Matthew 4:1–11. How many times does Jesus quote Scripture in response to temptation?

5. Read Matthew 4:10. What verse does Jesus quote for his final response to Satan?

6. Read Psalm 119:11. Complete the verse: “I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not ____.”

7. Read Job 22:22. What two things does this verse instruct you to do with God's instructions?

8. Read Proverbs 3:1. What does this verse tell you not to forget, and what should your heart do with it?

Reflect: *Jesus had Scripture ready before he needed it. Which verse from this week's reading could you start carrying with you, so it's ready before your next hard moment?*

Journal: What impacted you during this devotion? How will you apply this to your life?

Day 5 — Letting the Word Read You

Optional Reading: Psalm 139 • Jeremiah 23 • Luke 8 • James 1 • Hebrews 4 • Acts 2

“For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword.” (Hebrews 4:12)

Most books you read and move past. Scripture has a way of turning around and reading you — exposing a motive, naming a fear, confronting a habit you'd rather not examine.

That discomfort is not a flaw in the process. It's the Bible doing exactly what it was written to do: not just inform you, but transform you.

Bible Study Questions

1. Read Psalm 139:23-24. What does the psalmist ask God to search, and what does he ask God to do if he finds something offensive?

2. Read Jeremiah 23:29. What two things does God compare his word to? Which better describes something God's word has done in you recently? *(fire refines, hammers/chisels break and remove things)*

3. Read Luke 8:15. What qualities describe the seed that fell on good soil?

4. Read James 1:23–24. What does James compare a hearer who does not do the word to?

5. Read James 1:25. What does this verse say the person who looks intently into the law and continues will be?

6. Read Hebrews 4:12. List everything this verse says the word of God is able to do or divide.

7. Read Hebrews 4:13. What does this verse say is “naked and exposed” before God?

8. Read Acts 2:37. What happened to the crowd's hearts when they heard Peter's message, and what did they ask in response?

Reflect: *When was the last time something you read in Scripture confronted you rather than just informed you? What happened?*

Journal: *What impacted you during this devotion? How will you apply this to your life?*

Memorization: *What verse this week impacted you in a way that you should commit it to memory?*