

How to Study the Bible - Part 4 - Jan 28

Getting to Know You

1. Keeping your answer relatively short, describe where you grew up. Whether it be a city, suburb, or rural—even if it was right around here—tell the group a little about growing up where you did.
2. If you could narrow it down, what was a favorite childhood memory?

In part 4 of our series *How to Study the Bible* we dove into commentaries, dictionaries, and concordances as tools to aid in Bible Study. Let's get into these tools, a few key verses, and a method of Bible Study you may find helpful...

Digging Deeper

1. We opened with a story about Pastor Nik putting a timing belt into his daughter's car and finally getting the right tool. Do you have a story of trying to complete a project and either having or NOT having the right tool for the job? Explain.
2. Have someone read aloud John 21:15-17. What did you learn from the message that helped you understand this interaction between Peter and Jesus? How can you apply this story to your own life?
3. Having walked through using a concordance on Sunday, what was helpful? Was anything confusing? Do you have any other questions about it? (depending on what is brought up here, feel free to bring the questions to the pastoral team to help you with answers you're unsure about).
4. How many people in the group are familiar with using a Concordance, Bible Dictionary, or Commentary? If you are, describe your experience.
 - a. BONUS: Do you recall any moments in your own Bible study where you were encouraged because of a "lightbulb" moment?
5. Having talked about the S.O.A.P. (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) method of Bible study, were there any similarities to how you've read/studied the Bible?
6. While not every Bible verse provides for application, why is it important to prayerfully consider applying what we've studied to our daily lives?
7. Read aloud Psalm 119:11. Can you put it in your own words?

Making It Personal

- As a group, try using the SOAP method on James 1:22-25.
- Following up from last week, were you able to go deeper and study the Bible last week? If so, was there anything new you learned?
- Once again, have someone pray for your group, for God's Spirit to stir a hunger in each of you for studying the Bible and applying it to your lives.