

What is the Bible for?

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."
2 Timothy 3:16-17

3 Reasons the Southern Kingdom was Revitalized:

- they embraced the sacrifice of work (Nehemiah 4)
- they humbled themselves in repentance (Ezra 10, Nehemiah 9)
- they made God's Word their foundation

Understanding the Truth of God's Word**Observation: what does the text say?**

What's the literary genre?

What are the key words?

Interpretation: what does the text mean?

Context?

Culture?

Application: what am I going to do about what the passage says and means?

How does the truth revealed here affect my relationship with God?

How does this truth affect my relationship with others?

What might I need to do differently in light of what I've read?

Bible study is not the end goal.

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."
James 1:22-25

Recommended Resources:

Bible in One Year: bibleinoneyear.org

The Bible Project: thebibleproject.com

Streetlights Bible: streetlightsbible.com

New Harvest Bible Reading Plan: newharvestch.org

Discussion Questions:

- Is Bible study a regular practice of yours? Do you enjoy it?
- Which aspect of Bible study is the most difficult for you?
- Most often the changes Bible study produces are hard to detect in the short term. What changes would you anticipate seeing (in the long run) in someone who prioritizes knowing God's Word?

Next Outdoor Big Event: Sunday, August 19 @ 10am

Keizer Rapids Park Amphitheater—Picnic & Baptism

Everyone is welcome as we enjoy worshiping God, the teaching of His Word, the inspiration of new faith demonstrated in baptism, as well as a BBQ. It is always one of the highlights of the summer.