

PRAYER

- Let's pray that every member in your Victory group will have the desire, the discipline, and the delight to daily read the Bible.

- Pray that we will be doers and not just hearers or readers of the Word.

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will give us insight, understanding, and revelation knowledge as we read and study the Bible (John 14:26; Ephesians 1:17,18; 1 Corinthians 2:10-12).



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That thing you do

Read
Week 1

NOTES

CONNECT

- What written materials or books do you enjoy reading? Why?
- When reading a newspaper, which portion do you read first? Why?
- Who is your favorite book author or newspaper editorial columnist?

WORD

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

The Bible is the written, Living Word of God and is one of the primary ways to get to know God more. Most of the time, though, we find it hard to appreciate it by developing a habit of reading this most important book regularly. What must be our attitude towards the Word of God?

- **Let us read the Bible with devotion.**

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Acts 2:42

In the Book of Acts, after 3,000 people got to hear and accept the gospel, they then devoted themselves to learn the Word from their spiritual leaders. To devote means to be diligent and to persist, in this case, in carefully and slowly considering the Scriptures and hearing what God is speaking to us. What is the result of making this a habit (Joshua 1:8)?

- **Let us read the Bible with eagerness.**

Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Acts 17:11

The Bereans in northern Greece would search the Scriptures day after day to check if Paul and Silas were really teaching the truth. And when they saw the truth, they received their message with enthusiasm. Like the Bereans, we, too, should faithfully read, study, and discuss the Scriptures like how miners would dig for gold. In discovering precious truths from the Word, what does this do to one's life?

- **Let us read the Bible and obey it.**

²²Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. . . . ²⁵But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

James 1:22,25

We have to read the Bible with an attitude of obedience. How? By looking intently at the passage with careful inspection. A healthy person looks in the mirror to do something about his appearance, not just to admire the image. Likewise, healthy Christians look into God's Word to do something about it, and not just to accumulate facts that they won't use. What benefit do we get from reading and obeying the Word?

SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- Why do you think it is important to read the Word of God?
- How do the people in the Bible value the Word of God (Job 23:12, Psalm 119:72)?
- What do you think are some reasons why people do not read the Bible?

NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- Do you have a regular time and place where you read the Bible? How do you meditate on God's Word? How can you strengthen this habit all the more?
- What did God tell you today from His Word? How do you plan to apply this in your life?
- Commit to the whole Bible by going through a Bible reading plan. (Check this website: <http://www.biblegateway.com/resources/readingplans/>.)