

— OUTLINE —

- I. The Bible is God's Word—He'll give you wisdom and guidance through it.
 - A. **"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby"** (1 Pet. 2:2).
 - B. You'll grow as you feed often on God's Word!
 - C. God's Word is God-breathed: **"All scripture is given by inspiration of God"** (2 Tim. 3:16).
 - D. Through His Word, you'll get to know this awesome, loving God who has saved you.
 - E. You'll grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and become **"thoroughly furnished unto all good works"** (2 Tim. 3:17).
 - F. God will speak directly to you through the Bible.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
HEBREWS 4:12
 - G. Don't just use your head to read this book; come to the Word with an open heart ready to receive from God!
 - H. Choose a version of the Bible that's easy to understand—God doesn't want language style to hinder you from getting to know Him.
 - I. Any version you use is superior to not reading the Bible at all.
 - J. The Holy Spirit can lead you to other translations later on, but laying a solid foundation of God's Word in your heart is what's most important right now.
- II. A basic understanding of the Bible is very helpful.
 - A. But you can never exhaust the depths of God's Word.
 - B. Everything you need for life and godliness can be found in it.
 - C. Most Christians see the Bible as one unit, all saying the same thing.
 - D. They don't realize how everything changed between God and man once Jesus Christ came to earth.
 - E. You and I are in the New Covenant in Christ Jesus!

- F. Guidance from mature believers can save you time and painful mistakes, but always check it against God's Word for yourself.
- G. Let go of what doesn't line up, and hold on to what does.
- H. God's Word must be the highest authority in your life.
- I. The Word is actually a book by God speaking to you through man.
- J. All the books in the Bible are supernaturally inspired and have been protected and preserved error free.
- K. Your job is to interpret and believe God's Word as it was written.
- L. If you do, God Himself will fellowship with you—and that's awesome!

DISCIPLESHIP — QUESTIONS —

1. How does God give you wisdom and guidance?

2. First Peter 2:2 says, “As newborn babes, _____ the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.”

3. True or false: God’s Word is God-breathed.

4. How are you to approach the Word when you read it?

5. Any version you use is _____ to _____ reading the Bible at all.

6. True or false: You can exhaust the depths of God’s Word.

7. Most Christians see the Bible as one unit, all saying the same thing—what is it that they don’t realize?

8. Guidance from mature believers can save you time and painful mistakes, but what should you always do?

9. Must God’s Word be the highest authority in your life?

10. What is the Word?

- A. A good paperweight
- B. A book written by man about God
- C. A book by God speaking to you through man
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

11. What is your job now?

— SCRIPTURES —

1 PETER 2:2

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: [17] That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

HEBREWS 4:12

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