

Lesson 4: The Role of the Bible

A. Why Satan doesn't want you to read the Bible

1. The Bible exposes the true character of Satan. John 8:44, Revelation 12:7-9,12, 1 Peter 5:8, etc.
2. The Bible is a powerful weapon against the enemy. Ephesians 6:17, Matthew 4:1-11
3. The Bible reveals the true character of God. Lamentations 3:22-23, Zephaniah 3:17, John 3:16-17, etc.

B. Why reading the Bible is important for Christians

1. 2 Timothy 3:15-17 How does reading the Bible help us grow in a relationship with God? (see also Jeremiah 15:16, Psalm 119:105)
2. Why should we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us when we read the Bible? 1 Corinthians 2:13-14, John 16:13
3. Which early Christians set a noble example through a daily reading and study of the Scriptures? Acts 17:10-11
4. What evidence do you see in the Gospels that Jesus spent significant time hiding the Word of God in His heart? Matthew 4:4,7,10, 15:3-4,7-9, 22:36-40, etc.
5. When did you come to the realization that reading the Bible would help you grow in your relationship with God?
6. Today we have many ways to fill our minds with the Word of God. What ways have been most helpful for you? (reading different translations, listening to an audio Bible, a daily Bible reading plan on your phone, etc.)

C. The reliability of the Scriptures

1. What testimony did Jesus give about the reliability of the Scriptures? John 17:17, 16:13-15, etc.
2. What testimony did the Apostle Peter give about the reliability of the Scriptures? 2 Peter 1:19-21, Acts 1:16, 2:16-21, etc.
3. What testimony did the Apostle Paul give about the reliability of the Scriptures? Acts 28:23, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, etc.
4. What other testimonies in the Scriptures confirm their reliability as the Word of God? 2 Samuel 23:1-3, Psalm 12:6, Proverbs 30:5-6, etc.

D. The primary purpose of the Scriptures

1. What is the primary purpose of the Scriptures? John 5:39-40, Luke 24:27
2. Which books of the Bible would you encourage a person to read first? Why?
3. What words of Jesus recorded in the Gospels are especially meaningful to you?