



## New Song "Bridge" after Session 4, part 2

### Introduction

#### REVIEW:

#### 4 Step Method for Studying the Bible

**1. Prayer** – interacting with God as we study the Bible. *Entire method is to be "prayer"* as conversation with God about what He has said, allowing the Spirit to guide & interpret.

**Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)** praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

1. "Prayer" – "Lord, guide me to hear Your truth"
2. Observation – "Lord, what do YOU want me to notice and why?"
3. Interpretation – "Lord, what are you saying in this scripture?"
4. Application – "Lord, what do you want me to do in response?"

**2. Observation:** What does the scripture mean to the original audience?

- A. Grammatical Matters:
- i. Type of Literature
  - ii. Type of statement, "Mood"
    - ✓ Statement of TRUTH, "Declarative"
    - ✓ Statement of COMMAND, "Imperative" or "Indicative"
    - ✓ Statement of POSSIBILITY, "Subjunctive"
  - iii. Type of Tense – past, present, future
- B. Historical Matters:      i. People , ii. Places, iii. Practices

**3. Interpretation** - "to discover or explain the meaning of"

Intentionally asking and answering specific questions about ONLY 2 or 3 observations

The purpose is to get to know God better and live more aligned with His ways.

THREE TYPES OF QUESTIONS:

- A. "What" (Definitional) Questions - identify who, what, where, when, how
- B. "Why" (Rational) Questions – identify the reason/purpose behind what observed
- C. "So What" (Implicational) Questions – what does the use of this term imply or infer?

**4. Application** – putting what we learn into practical action to live in deeper intimacy and greater alignment with God... what I will do by when?

## The Purpose of Studying the Bible

- ➔ The Bible is powerful because it is God's Word
- ➔ We must be convinced and committed to the Bible as the Divinely inspired Word of God
- ➔ The purpose of studying the Bible is to know God soul-deep.  
Knowing the Bible is the means not the point.

*The Word of God used by the Spirit of God in a surrendered soul leads to knowing God soul-deep.*

## Times of Experiencing God Through the Bible

- Times with others and times alone.
- Deliberate times of reading and study
- Moments of need: direction, help, "rescue," provision
- 24/7 lifestyle as we know the Bible well and walk in step with the Spirit

## Essentials of Studying the Bible

† Regular, unhurried time in conversation with God studying the Bible

**1 Peter 2:2–3 (ESV)** <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**2 Timothy 2:14–17a (ESV)** <sup>14</sup>Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. <sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. <sup>16</sup>But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, <sup>17</sup>and their talk will spread like gangrene.

**It's conversation:** asking questions of another person.  
That's where the Bible study tools are used.

† Approach the Bible with awe, reverence for God. It's "holy ground."

**Hebrews 4:12–13 (ESV)**

† Approach the Bible with desire to know God in deep relationship, not just know about God

**Matthew 5:6** "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

**Mark 12:18–27 (ESV)**

† Approach with all-in submission and commitment to do whatever it takes to **obey**

**Luke 9:23 (ESV)** And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

**Luke 11:28 (ESV)** <sup>28</sup>But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

**James 1:22–25 (ESV)**

**Matthew 7:24–27 (ESV)**

† What it looks like to experience God soul deep through the Bible

**John 4:7–14 (ESV)**

**John 7:37–39 (ESV)**

**John 8:31–38 (ESV)**

**Romans 8:12–17 (ESV)**

† What it looks like to have a lifestyle of the Spirit using the Bible to resonate soul deep.  
Note: we are completely dependent on the Spirit for spiritual understanding

**John 14:15–31 (ESV)**

**Galatians 5:18–26 (ESV)**

**Romans 8:26–28 (ESV)**

## **PRACTICE EXERCISES**

## **TAKEAWAYS**

## **HELPFUL RESOURCES:**

--BlueletterBible.org  
--Biblehub.com

--International Standard Bible Encyclopedia  
--Dictionaries & Encyclopedias (Biblehub.com and BlueletterBible.com)

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