

# Bii Fit

## Study

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Deuteronomy 11:18-21; II Timothy 3:14-17

**We Study God's Word through \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_.

*Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 11:19*

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\_\_\_\_\_.

*Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Deuteronomy 11:18*

**We Study God's Word in order to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of...which [is] able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. II Timothy 3:14-15*

**We Study God's Word by \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_.

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. II Timothy 3:16*

**We Study God's Word in order to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*...so that all God's people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. II Timothy 3:17*

### SMALL GROUP STUDY

Think about "Prepare for the Word" and **Do "In the Word" before your group meets** so that you have optimum time for discussion on the first and third section during your group meeting.

**Prepare for the Word** (Leaders, take about 15 minutes for this section.)

Recall ways that God has spoken to you through the Bible at different moments in your life. Tell about one. What attitude were you in beforehand?

**In the Word** (This section is **to be done before group**, to allow optimum time for discussion of Apply the Word. It does not have to be discussed unless help is needed or questions are asked.)

Before studying the Bible, it is a good practice to thank God for it and to ask the Holy Spirit for insight, understanding, and retention as you study. Do so, before starting the lesson.

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 for four reasons to study the Scripture.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ in righteousness (or being right with God).

For fifty-seven years prior to King Josiah's reign, the Book of the Law (the Scriptures) had been neglected. Spiritually, the nation of Israel was in shambles. Read 2 Kings 22:1-23:7.

What do you learn about Josiah from this passage?

How does Josiah respond when he hears the words of the Book of the Law?

What was the condition of the temple before Josiah's reforms?

How does Josiah's commitment to the Scriptures affect the nation of Judah?

*Note: Studying the Word includes reading It, memorizing It, and meditating on It.*

(For further study...)

The secret of effective Bible study is knowing how to ask the right questions:

- What is the main subject of this passage?
- Who are the persons revealed in this passage? Who is speaking? About whom is he speaking? Who is acting?
- What is the key verse of this passage?
- What does this passage teach me about the Lord Jesus Christ?
- Does this passage portray any sin for me to confess and forsake?
- Does this passage contain any command for me to obey?
- Is there any promise for me to claim?
- Is there any instruction for me to follow?

Writing these on a card and keeping them with your Bible can be helpful with any part of the Scripture that you are studying.

**Apply the Word** (Leaders, This is the main part of the lesson for group discussion. Allow 30-45 minutes, plus at least 15 minutes for prayer.)

In the 2 Kings passage, notice the ironic fact that the Book of the Law is found during temple repairs. Discuss this.

In what ways are we guilty of engaging in a flurry of religious activities while neglecting God's Word?

How does Huldah's prophecy summarize the two attitudes we can have toward God's Word?

What are the ultimate consequences of these attitudes?

What does the condition of the temple reveal about what happens when we neglect God's Word?

How would you compare your attitude and obedience to God's Word with Josiah's?

If you had his commitment to Scripture, how might your life be different?

What practical step can you take to make the Word of God more central in your life and daily activities?

What are you doing to mentor the next generation in these good habits?

If all Christian Bibles were outlawed in the next generation born, where would that leave our descendents?

Note: Lots of people study the Word so they can use it against believers. Even some self-proclaimed Christians study the Word; but if we do not *apply* It and *obey* It, we are lost. Read Matthew 7.

### **How can we pray for you?**

Resources to improve your Bible Study Skills:

Dynamic Bible Study Methods by Rick Warren; Victor Books

[www.biblecenter.com](http://www.biblecenter.com)

7 Steps to Bible Skills by Dorothy Hellstern; Hensley Publishing

How You Can Study the Bible Effectively by Bill Bright; part of the "Transferable Concepts" Series; New Life Publications

(to name a few)