

# HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

## SERMON SUMMARY

Pastor Clark's sermon focused on the importance of studying the Bible, emphasizing the urgency, consistency, and dependency of engaging with God's Word. He used Psalm 63 as a framework to illustrate how to study the Bible effectively, highlighting the need for a consistent time, place, and plan. The sermon also touched on the legacy of Bible study, encouraging believers to set an example for others, especially within their families. The message concluded with practical steps for Bible study and a call to action for personal spiritual growth.

## KEY VERSES

**Psalm 63: 1-8;** (NLT) “O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. <sup>2</sup> I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. <sup>3</sup> Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! <sup>4</sup> I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. <sup>5</sup> You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy. <sup>6</sup> I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night. <sup>7</sup> Because you are my helper, I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings. <sup>8</sup> I cling to you; your strong right hand holds me securely.”

**Acts 17:11** (NLT) “And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul’s message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth. **Additional verses: Matthew 4:4; 1 John 4:1; 1 Peter 3:15-16**

## QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you the most from today's sermon?
2. Why do you think it's important to have a consistent time and place for Bible study?
3. How can we make Bible study a priority in our daily lives?
4. What are some practical ways to apply the 'HEAR' method in our Bible study?
5. How has studying the Bible impacted your personal life and relationships?
6. Why is it important to test the teachings we hear against the Bible?
7. How can we encourage others in our family or community to engage with God's Word?
8. What steps can you take this week to deepen your Bible study practice?

## LIFE APPLICATION

This week, commit to setting aside a specific time each day to study the Bible. Use the 'HEAR' method (Highlight, Explain, Apply, Respond) to guide your study. Share your insights with a friend or family member to encourage them in their faith journey.