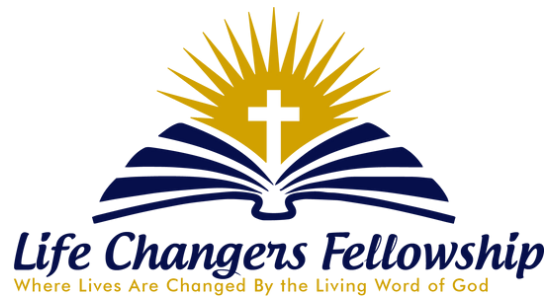


SERIES TITLE	STUDYING THE BIBLE FOR UNDERSTANDING & PRACTICE
SERIES FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE	John 6:63 HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE (HCSB) <i>The Spirit is the One who gives life. The flesh doesn't help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.</i>
SERIES REFERENCES	<i>How to Study the Bible: Practical Advice for Receiving Light From God's Word</i> Watchman Nee, 1999, Living Stream Ministry (ISBN: 978-0-7363-0407-8)  <i>How to Study the Bible</i> Robert M. West, 2007, Barbour Publishing (ISBN: 978-1-59789-706-8)  <i>How to Study the Bible</i> Dwight L. Moody, 2017 Updated Edition, Aneko Press (ISBN: 978-1-62245-456-3)
OUR STUDY POINTS FOR THIS LESSON	<p><b>MAIN STUDY POINT</b> One must settle with oneself that the Word of God is God truly showing Himself to us, and by doing so, He offers us life via the Spirit and infusing our spirits. <b>John 6:60-63</b></p> <p><b>PREPARATION PHASE</b> <b>Requirement #1 for Preparation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One must be prepared to study the Word of God. <b>John 4:21-24 / 1 Corinthians 2 / 1 Corinthians 3 / 2 Corinthians 3:18 / Romans 12:1-2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be born again.</li> <li>Must be of the Spirit.</li> <li>Must be spiritual.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Requirement #2 for Preparation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One must have a manner/practice of consecration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hearts are open to receive from God, God's Word. <b>2 Corinthians 3:12-18</b></li> <li>Our spiritual eye must be single. Our focus must be spiritually single. God and God alone. Do you have any conflicts of interest in regards to God? <b>Matthew 6:19-24</b></li> <li>One must have a desire and growing practice of continual obedience. <b>John 7:14-17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God's revelation of His Word is in measure to our obedience. <i>"The more we obey Him, the more light we will receive. Without consecration, we cannot see. Without continual obedience, we cannot continue to see."</i> (Watchman Nee)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Requirement #3 for Preparation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One must have both the habit and way of reading the Word. Watchman Nee says, <i>"If a man wants to study the Bible and understand God's Word, he must be experienced in His practice."</i> <b>Hebrews 5:11-14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One must be <b>objective</b> when reading the Word. It keeps us from locking ourselves out from further revelation. <b>1 Samuel 3:1-10</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>



<p>OUR STUDY POINTS FOR THIS LESSON</p>	<p><b>Requirement #3 for Preparation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One must be careful--not <b>careless</b>--in reading the Bible. Words have meaning in the Bible, and we are to pay attention to each one. <b>Hebrews 10:1-18, 32-39 / Hebrews 11:1 HCSB</b></li> <li>One must govern one's <b>curiosity</b> when reading the Bible. If we do not, we will miss the import of the Word, and what is worth much spiritually will not yield what God desires. <b>Matthew 23:1-25 HCSB</b></li> </ul>
<p>THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON</p>	<p>The Bible is God's Word, and as a believer, I desire to understand what God is saying, what He is speaking to me so that I can obey and be effective in the earth as He desires, fulfilling my Kingdom assignment.</p>
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