

Christian Discipleship

Week 2 - The Word and Discipleship

A disciple is a learner. To learn we have to listen, and a large part of being a Christian disciple therefore is listening to God in His Word. The Bible should always play a major part in all we do as Christians - whether individually and collectively. This week we look at how to make the most of the Bible in different settings.

1. **Why read the Bible?** 2 Timothy 3: 16-17

Ultimately we read the Bible because it is God's word. We no longer have Jesus with us in person but God has given us His Word, and His Spirit by whom we can understand that Word. Notice what these verses tell us about the purpose of God's word. Note that it is **all** inspired. We must not pick and choose.

- It teaches us about **salvation**.
- It teaches us to think properly, and corrects wrong **thinking**
- It rebukes us for wrong behaviour and trains us in right **behaviour**

2. **When read the Bible?** Psalm 1: 1-3

The Psalmist talks of meditating on God's word night and day. A good principle is to spend a part of each day reading / thinking over God's word. What is the best time for you? What is best pattern? Using notes? Bible in a year?

What about Bible studies - how make most of them? Sermons on Sunday?

3. **How read the Bible?** Luke 10: 25-37

3 Observations

- The Context
- The Passage - read it through
- The Central Theme

3 questions.

- What is it saying?
- Why saying it here in this way?
- What mean for me?

