

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Practical Points for Bible Study

Many people want to study the Bible but do not even know where to begin. That is natural, when you think about it. Bible study is not something that comes by instinct. However, there are some basic approach and techniques that can help you as you make an effort to incorporate studying the bible into your way of life.

The **first** thing you must do is set aside time just for bible study. Now, this will vary each day depending upon your schedule and the time you have available. For some people, who have about the same schedule each day, adding a set time, say between thirty minutes to an hour, to study the Bible each day makes the most sense. For those with schedules that vary greatly, such as in police work, fire-fighting, or nursing, it would make more sense to set aside longer periods to study on days off. Whatever your schedule may be, you should redeem the time. (Ephesians 5:16) and make Bible study a priority instead of allowing yourself to fill your schedule with all sorts of activities while forgetting to study your Bible.

**Second**, try to find a comfortable place where you can devote yourself just to studying the Bible. The psalmist wrote, *“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night “*. (Psalm 1:1-2) You cannot possibly devote yourself to Bible study while surrounding yourself with the wrong kind of things. More than that, you should find a place where you can think deeply and clearly about what God says. You should always prefer a quiet place where you will not be interrupted to a high traffic area where other things are constantly calling for your attention.

**Thirdly**, have a plan! Do not try a scattergun approach to studying the Bible. Now, you might incorporate a number of different studies and approaches to your studies, but they should all be directed toward specific spiritual goals. Many of the correspondence course type studies offer good general information but they can keep you reliant on the material instead of on God’s Word if you are not careful. Therefore, the best plan is always to study what God say (I Peter 4:11). But when you begin, make sure you start with something easier. No matter how interested you might be in the book of Revelation; that should be one of the last books you study rather than the first. Choose simple and practical over deep and technical. Begin with Matthew, Mark, or Luke rather than John. Prefer James and Colossians to Romans and Hebrews. And do not forget to go through Acts to see how the church should work. Prefer the historical works of the Old Testament to gain important background instead of trying to figure out prophecy. Most of all; focus on what you should be doing as a Christian rather than just gathering information.

**Fourth**, do not try to cover too much. While every person has his own idea of what too little or too much might be, a Bible student should always emphasize quality over quantity. Understanding one book of the bible correctly will do far more for you than misunderstanding several books. At the most, one chapter per week is a good goal in the New Testament, and perhaps two to four in the Old Testament, depending upon the material. Less than this is fine, if you are really working to understand the material thoroughly.

**Fifth**, remember to take notes as you go. Notes serve many purposes. Just taking them helps you remember more of what you studied. More than that, taking notes provides you with a foundation to build on each and every time you study that same material. Your notes might just consist of asking questions you have as you go through the text. It might be that you see something you really need to work on as you study. Or you might realize an important connection between that Scripture and something else. The more you write down, the more you will gain from your efforts.

**Sixth**, take time to reflect on what you have studied (I Timothy 4:15). After you complete your study, spend a few moments just thinking about what you have learned and how it can help you in your

Christianity and in life. Then do the same at the close of the day. When possible, talk it over with a friend, because when you explain what you are learning to someone else, you are learning all over again (I Timothy 4:16).

What you should realize from this is that you can do all of these things from the very first day. Of course, these things do not guarantee that you will understand everything right away, but that rarely happens even after years of study. What this will do is help get you started and that is important, because if you do not start studying, you cannot possibly learn anything.

—Kevin W. Rhodes

## ***Sympathy***

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Carl and Lavern Neithercutt in the loss of their daughter, **Terri Drake**. Terri passed away on August 30th in Abilene from a car accident. Her funeral services were conducted on September 7th in Bradshaw, TX. Continue to keep the Neithercutts in your prayers.

## ***Prayer Request***

**Allen Weakland** was diagnosed with a staph infection last week. He cannot be in contact with people so he will be out for the next two weeks. Keep Allen in your prayers that this condition clears up soon.

Lou Ann Rabe has requested prayers for her daughter, **Debra Shipley**, who underwent cancer surgery on Thursday September 12th in Lubbock. Keep Debra in your prayers that she gets good results from her surgery.

**Patsy Mitchell** had a surgical procedure on her other knee Wednesday, September 11th. This procedure was to relieve some tightness and pain. Pray that her surgery goes well and she has a speedy recovery.

**Miguel Lozano** will be going to Mexico on September 21st for eye surgery on the 23rd. Please keep him in your prayers that he has a safe trip and that the surgery will be a success.

## ***Concerns Update***

**Conchida Williams** (Devida's sister) will have back surgery on September 20th in Chillicothe, OH.

**Mark Thompson** (Linda Tate's son-in-law) is in an induced coma at Baylor Hospital. He had open heart surgery a few weeks ago and also suffers from liver and kidney failure. Continue to keep Mark in your prayers that he will receive the best care possible for a return to good health.

## ***Prayer List***

Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Sharon Brown; Bill Butler; Shawn Callendar; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; Bessie Diaz; Jazmine Duron; Paulie Ann Easlon; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Letha Hooper; Debbie Howard; Betty Leeth; Jed Martin; Ora McAfee; Juan & Estella Morolez; Lavern Neithercutt; Juanita Orosco; Caydon Parker; Trina Plyler; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Bill Ryan; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Tom Wilcox; Carolyn Wilkerson; Sondie Williamson; John Wood.

## ***Eisenhower's Shut-ins***

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

## ***Youth***

### **Bible Quiz Question...**

Where did Paul and his companions encounter a slave girl with a spirit of divination? (a) Corinth (b) Antioch or (c) Philippi.

## Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Ephraim received the greater blessing from Israel. (Genesis 48:17-19)

## Events

Watch *"In Search of the Lord's Way"* every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the **"Speaking the Truth in Love"** program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Eddie Parrish is scheduled to hold a **"Gospel Meeting"** at the Andrews Church of Christ which starts today and goes through Wednesday. Check the BB for the time and topics for each service.

## SEPTEMBER ATTENDED NURSERY

9/01/19 Devida & Rosalinda

9/08/19 Terresia & Christy

9/15/19 Larriat & Hannah

9/22/19 Nancy E. & Bonnie

9/29/19 Holly & Gloria

**ABSENTEEISM** will kill an organization. It will kill any congregation. A most effective way to build up a church is to attend it up!

Every member must feel a definite responsibility; a personal responsibility to the local congregation where he lives. The local church provides him and his family all the blessings associated with church membership, fellowship, edification, public worship, comfort, strength, encouragement and other spiritual blessings. It is not a matter of attending somewhere, but a matter of attending here.

The congregation somewhere cannot minister to you when you are sick or bereaved, or assist you in difficult or trying times. The church somewhere cannot rejoice with you and weep with you.

The church here cannot do these things effectively if it is weakened by your absence and the absence of others who feel no responsibility to it. The church will be as strong in your life as you are willing to make it. May the church be the biggest thing in your life! It will be if you make it so.

Wadsworth church of Christ

|                     | <b>September 15, 2019</b> | <b>A.M.</b>        | <b>P.M.</b>     |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Announcements       |                           | Larry May          | Larry May       |
| Song Leader         |                           | Oliver Hernandez   | Jacob Carson    |
| Sermon              |                           | Anthony Flunder    | Anthony Flunder |
| Opening Prayer      |                           | Larry May          | Larry May       |
| Scripture           |                           | Don Easlon         | Josh Wells      |
| Second Prayer       |                           | Scot Straw         | Jr. Munoz       |
| Closing Prayer      |                           | Craig Wesson       | Charles Wood    |
| Lord's Supper       |                           |                    |                 |
| (Scripture Reading) |                           | <u>Jeff Wesson</u> |                 |
| West...             |                           | Trinidad Wood      | Clint Titlow    |
|                     |                           | Jaxon Straw        | Communion       |
|                     |                           | Kevin Wilcox       | (In Library)    |
| East                |                           | Doug Guynn         |                 |
|                     |                           | Larry May          |                 |
|                     |                           | Gary Loving        |                 |

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209—*Deacon*:. John Wood 413-7444—*Pulpit*:. Richard Siler 556-2151—*Table*: Clint Titlow 972-804-2402 — *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons*: Cody Wesson 934-4646—*Collections*: Cody Wesson 934-4646

**Sunday AM**

“TBA”

**Sunday PM**

“TBA”

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 69*

*Morning Worship...96*

*Evening Worship...76*

*Wednesday...60*

*Contribution... \$4,649.00*