

THE BIBLE. ALIVE. PART 1

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Do the pages of God's Word sometimes seem confusing, distant, or hard to apply to your everyday life? For the next several Sunday nights, we will gather together for a 4-part series on how to observe, interpret, apply, and correlate the most powerful book in the world: the Bible. You may just find the Bible... coming to life!

FROM PROF HENDRICKS...

"What words would describe your personal Bible study? Be honest. If you're like many people, you've probably felt at one time or another a twinge of guilt about not getting full enjoyment out of personal Bible study time. You may wonder how some people can percolate with enthusiasm over the same passages you've read time and time again – unmoved. What's their secret? [Well, the] "secret" is really no secret at all. It is simply a case of practicing effective Bible study methods. But to practice them you must know them..."

STEP 1: OBSERVATION. SEEING THINGS AS THEY REALLY ARE. WHAT DO I SEE?

"The parts always take on meaning in light of the whole." ~ Dr. Howard Hendricks

 Know what to look for.

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KEEP THE BIG PICTURE:

Observation: What do I see?

Interpretation: What does it mean?

Application: How does it work? Or, "So what?"

THE GOAL? LIFE CHANGE.

"What you believe will determine how you behave."

~ Dr. Howard Hendricks

ROADBLOCKS - CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU.

- "I don't have the time."
- "I tried and it just didn't work out."
- "Studying repulses me... it has the appeal of flossing my teeth."
- "I don't know how."
- "I'm just an attender or layman."
- "I don't know Greek or Hebrew."
- "I have doubts about the Bible."
- "It seems like you can make the Bible say just about anything you want it to say."
- "The Bible just isn't interesting to me."
- "I can't seem to make it interesting."
- "I feel guilty when I read my Bible."
- "I feel guilty when I don't read my Bible."
- "The Bible doesn't seem relevant to my life."
- "The Bible seems confusing and hard to understand."
- "The Bible seems boring to me."
- "I don't own a Bible."
- "I don't read, period! It's not just the Bible; I don't read anything."

THE "WHY" QUESTION

Why should you and I study the Bible?

- ❖ Bible Study is essential to _____
(1 Peter 2:2; Psa 19:10)

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