

3 WAYS TO GO DEEPER IN THE WORD

We should take time in digging deeper into God's Word. Here are 3 ways you can go deeper daily. Making time and commitment to help you to increase your knowledge, understanding, greater faith in God and help you to meditate or soak into His Word.

1. DOING BIBLE STUDY

It is more than just reading the bible during devotional time. Bible study involves a process of Scripture, Observations, Personal Applications, Prayer and Sharing where the Word is ingrained in our mind and retained in our hearts. This process helps us to understand the scripture content. It is a simple way to learn and remember an effective bible study method,

- I. Scripture: Write out one or more verses that are particularly meaningful to you today.
- II. Observation: Rewrite those verses or key points in your own words to better understand.
- III. Personal Application: Think about what it means to obey these commands in your personal life.
- IV. Prayer: Write out a prayer telling God what you have learned and how you plan to obey.
- V. Sharing: Ask God who He wants you to share with about what you have learned/applied.

2. MEDITATING ON THE WORD

This process allows us to think deeply about what God has said to us in the Bible and to prepare our minds and hearts for prayer. It involves reciting the scriptures or even reading out loud repeatedly. It is also taking time to contemplate on the written Word throughout the day and allowing God to speak to us through that passage (personalise the scriptures). This process actually renews our mind and thinking patterns. Meditation readies us for it by helping us focus, understand, remember, worship and apply.

- I. Meditate to Focus (Psalm 119:15)
- II. Meditate to Understand (Psalm 110:27)
- III. Meditate to Remember (Psalm 143:5)
- IV. Meditate to Worship (Psalm 1:2)
- V. Meditate to Apply (Joshua 1:8)

3. MEMORIZING THE SCRIPTURES

Memorizing scriptures is an intentional discipline of storing God's Word in our hearts. We could stick scriptures on prominent areas in our rooms at home or office to remind us with His Word. This process helps in time of trouble, where the Holy Spirit could remind us God's Word/ promises and keep our faith strong in the Lord. Here are 3 tips for memorizing Scriptures.

- I. Focus on a single verse in your Bible - Read the verse through several times thoughtfully, aloud or in a whisper
- II. Memorise and write the verse in the journal - Think about ways the verse applies to you and your daily circumstances
- III. Review with Friends - Review the verse immediately after learning it, incorporate it into your prayers. Invite a friend to memorise with you.

