

The Love That We All Need: How to Study God's Word
Ephesians 5:1-2 (Page 978 in Pew Bible); **2 Timothy 2:15** (Page 995 in Pew Bible)

"If we once get above our Bibles, and cease making the written word of God our sole rule both as to faith and practice, we shall soon lie open to all manner of delusion." (George Whitefield, 1714-1770)

Big Idea: In order to love God and live for His glory, we must love His Word and live His Word.

There are **four important disciplines** that we must employ and develop each time that we study God's Word:

1. **Pray** for the Holy Spirit's _____ as you read and study His Word.
2. **Ask** the right _____ about the Text that you are studying.
3. **Apply** the Text to your _____.
4. **Meditate** throughout the day on the **AIM** (_____) of the Text and on its proper application to your life.

Other Considerations

- There is great benefit in studying God's Word **exegetically** and in an **expository** (verse-by-verse) format.
- There is great benefit in reading through God's Word from **cover to cover** (Genesis—Revelation).
- There is great benefit in doing in-depth **Book studies** (reading through one biblical Book many times).
- There is great benefit in **study Bibles, concordances, commentaries, Bible dictionaries, and other helpful resources** if they biblically accurate and are properly used.
- There is great benefit in learning **the biblical languages** (Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek) and how to use them effectively in biblical exegesis.
- **BUT** you will not reap the benefits from God's Word if you **fail to properly apply, meditate on, and ultimately obey** Its truth.

Application: Study to know God's Word so well that it becomes your daily delight.