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What's the last really good book you read? What did you like about it? When it comes to reading, what types of books are you typically drawn to?

STUDY

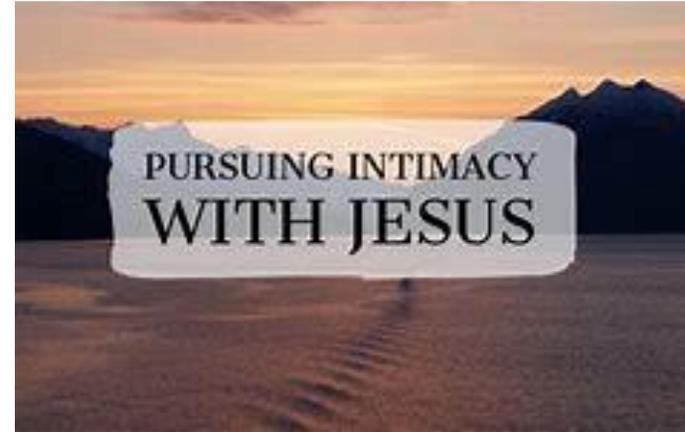
As this Sunday was a communion Sunday, there wasn't a regular message given. But, our D-Groups continue to gather and talk about the importance of relating and responding to the Scriptures. Over the past few weeks we've considered the practices of hearing, memorizing and meditating on God's Word. **The last topic of consideration is this: simply reading the Bible for the purpose of devotion and reflection.**

- Look at Matthew 19:4 and Mark 12:10. What question does Jesus ask in both these verses? What assumption was Jesus making when asking this question?
- Take a look at Acts 8:26-40. What was the Ethiopian eunuch doing when Philip came upon Him? What important question did Philip ask of the eunuch in verse 30? How did Philip guide the eunuch to deeper understanding of what he was reading? What was the result of this interaction?
- How does Romans 15:4 speak into the idea of how reading God's Word holds great value for the reader?
- Look at Hebrews 4:12. How is the Word of God described in this verse? What does this description mean?

APPLY

Pastor Zach breaks down devotional reading into four purposeful actions: (1) Read the text, (2) Pay attention to the text, (3) Pray the text, and finally (4) Do the text. Why are each of these four actions steps so important to the process of reading the Bible in a devotional manner?

Now, let's put these 4 action steps into play. Look at Mark 8:22-25 (the account of the healing of a blind man). **First, read through it a couple of times.** Get your mind wrapped around what main point is. **Second, read it trying to pay closer attention to details.** What might God want me to learn from the passage? How does the passage help me to learn about Him? Or does the passage help me learn more about myself? Do I need to grow in a particular area of life? Do I need to stop doing something? **Third, pray about what you are reading.** Use the key words or concepts in the passage to help form your prayer. **Finally, do what you are reading.** Can you find a personal application from what you are reading?



MESSAGE GUIDE

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A few final challenges to become a more engaged reader of the Bible. Read with curiosity. Read with imagination. Read with expectancy. Read to grow your overall grasp of God's great, grand revelation!