

LESSON NOTES

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"I will build My church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."

Jesus in Matthew 16:18

1. God wants the Christian life lived in community not isolation.

Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.
Acts 2:41

Christ loved the church. He gave up His life for her.

Ephesians 5:25

"Since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth!"

Jesus in Revelation 3:16

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

Acts 2:42

Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive His approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

2. Why study the Bible?

- **The Bible is spiritual food for your soul.**

²³You have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God. ²⁴As the Scriptures say, "People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. ²⁵But the word of the Lord remains forever." And that word is the Good News that was preached to you. ¹So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. ²Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, ³now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.

1 Peter 1:23 – 2:3

- **The Bible is milk for young Christians.**
- **The Bible is meat for mature Christians.**

¹²You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. ¹³For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. ¹⁴Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.

Hebrews 5:12 – 14

"People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Jesus in Matthew 4:4

3. Why study the Bible in community?

- You can learn from people.

¹¹These are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹²Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. ¹³This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11 – 13

- People can learn from you.
- It makes you accountable.

¹There will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach destructive heresies and even deny the Master Who bought them. In this way, they will bring sudden destruction on themselves. ²Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of these teachers, the way of truth will be slandered. ³In their greed they will make up clever lies to get hold of your money.

2 Peter 2:1 – 3

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25

Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you.

1 Timothy 4:16

- You build deep relationships.

They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity.

Acts 2:46

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