



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Decode the Word- Learning to Study*

Text: Various Scriptures

Service Date: October 4, 2026

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- What is something you enjoy learning about, and what makes you interested enough to dig deeper into it?
 - When you hear the phrase “studying the Bible,” what comes to mind? What has your experience with Bible study been like?
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Sermon Discussion

- Why do you think it is important for Christians to learn how to study the Bible for themselves rather than simply relying on what others teach them?
- What are some things that can make studying Scripture difficult or intimidating?
- What is the difference between simply reading a passage of Scripture and actually studying it?
- Why is context important when trying to understand what a biblical passage means? What can happen when we take a verse out of context?
- What questions should we ask when we come across a passage that we don't immediately understand?
- “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path“ (Psalm 119:105). What does this verse teach us about the purpose of God’s Word, and how should that shape the way we approach studying Scripture?
- Why is it important to consider who wrote a biblical book, who it was written to, and why it was written?
- How can comparing Scripture with other passages help us understand what the Bible is teaching?

- What role should prayer play in studying God's Word? How can prayer shape the way we approach Scripture?
- What are some common mistakes people make when interpreting or applying a passage of Scripture?
- How does regularly studying God's Word affect more than just what we know? In what ways can it shape our character, decisions, and relationship with God?
- 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." What do you think it means to "rightly handle the word of truth," and what does this passage suggest about our responsibility when studying the Bible?

This Week's Action Response

- What is one specific change you will make in the way you study the Bible this week, and when will you put it into practice?