






## Small Group/ Reflection Notes

19-10-2025		Don't just read the Bible – study it!	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> If <i>every day's a school day</i> , what have you learnt this week?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> Is there a difference between <i>reading</i> the Bible and <i>studying</i> the Bible? <input type="checkbox"/> What adjectives (describing words) do you associate with the Bible? <input type="checkbox"/> Why are we still gaining new/ fresh perspectives on the Bible? <input type="checkbox"/> How has your understanding of the Bible or a passage changed over time? <input type="checkbox"/> How can you tell if Garry, with 2 Rs and 2 teeth, live-streaming from his basement in Tennessee, is a good source of Bible wisdom, knowledge and understanding?		
 Read	<a href="#"><u>Proverbs 2:1-6</u></a>	 Listen again	<a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch</a> <a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks</a>
 Explore	<p><a href="#"><u>v.1</u></a>: What are we to <i>accept</i>? Why accept the whole of the Bible/ all Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16), not just parts of it? Why is <i>memorizing</i> Scripture helpful? For example, <a href="#"><u>Psalm 119:11</u></a>. What, if any, verses have you memorised?</p> <p><a href="#"><u>v.2</u></a>: Who do we <i>tune in to/ dial up</i> when reading the Bible? See <a href="#"><u>1 Corinthians 2</u></a>. What does it mean to <i>apply</i> ourselves, when reading the Bible? What tips do you have for doing this?</p> <p><a href="#"><u>v.3</u></a>: Why can understanding the Bible sometimes be a <i>struggle</i>? How do you feel if/ when you don't understand something in the Bible? How has your understanding changed over time?</p> <p><a href="#"><u>v.4</u></a>: Imagine you know you're missing something. You search high &amp; low for it. Eventually, you find it. How does it make you feel? Why is understanding the Bible like finding treasure?</p> <p><a href="#"><u>v.5</u></a>: What were all the verbs in v.1-4? Why is understanding the Bible conditional on us accepting, memorizing, asking, struggling, searching, and digging?</p> <p><a href="#"><u>v.6</u></a>: What is <i>wisdom? Knowledge? Understanding?</i></p>		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> What is a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bible Commentary? e.g. Tom Wright's <i>For Everyone</i> series</li> <li>▪ Bible Concordance?</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> How can they aid our study of the Bible? Why might it be important to know who has written the Commentary and what their theology/tradition is? <input type="checkbox"/> Why can it be helpful to compare different <i>translations</i> of the Bible? e.g. <a href="http://BibleGateway.com">BibleGateway.com</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Why might knowing the historical/ cultural/ narrative <i>context</i> be so important?		
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?		

 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Check out the HEBA <a href="#">Equipped To Minister</a> course: 1 Saturday a month, 9am-4pm at Chester Road Baptist Church.
 Pray	Almighty God, Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Give me understanding of Your Way, Truth and Life. Help me to live what I read. Amen
 My questions:	

Access Small Group/ Reflection notes from: [ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Notes](http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Notes)

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