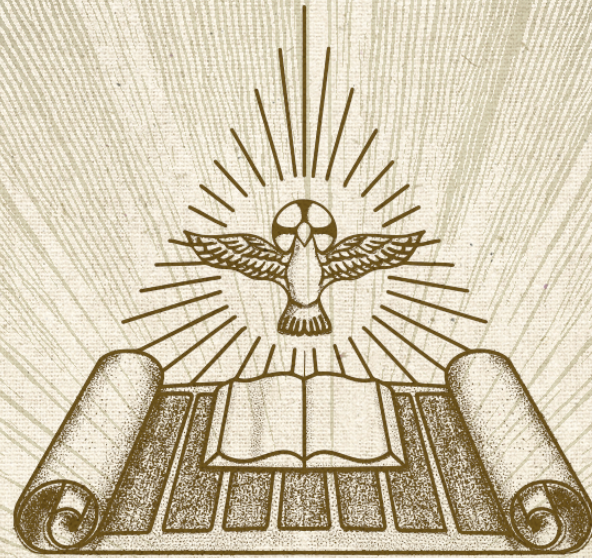


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BIBLE STUDY METHODS

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Welcome

7 “The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;
9 the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.”

Psalm 19:7-11

An introduction to the methods of biblical study to improve one's confidence with the Scriptures, love for God, and maturity in the faith.



Breakdown

- Participation and Method
- Homework and Discussions
- Schedule
- An Embodied Method

Discussion

1. What part of the Bible do you find most joy in reading? What part is the most exciting to you?
2. When this class is finished, what part of the Bible do you hope is more accessible to you?
3. If something were to keep you from studying the Bible, what would it be? Examples of this could be time, technique, relevance, or something else.

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Session 1

Why Study the Bible

*“Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.”*

Psalm 111:2

*“For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord,
and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.”*

Ezra 7:10

“On the second day the heads of fathers’ houses of all the people, with the priests and the Levites, came together to Ezra the scribe in order to study the words of the Law.”

Nehemiah 8:13

“Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.”

Acts 17:11



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- “Bible” = Latin, for the word “book”, or “bíblia”.
- Collection of 66 books.
- Written over the course of about 1500 years.
- About 40 different authors.

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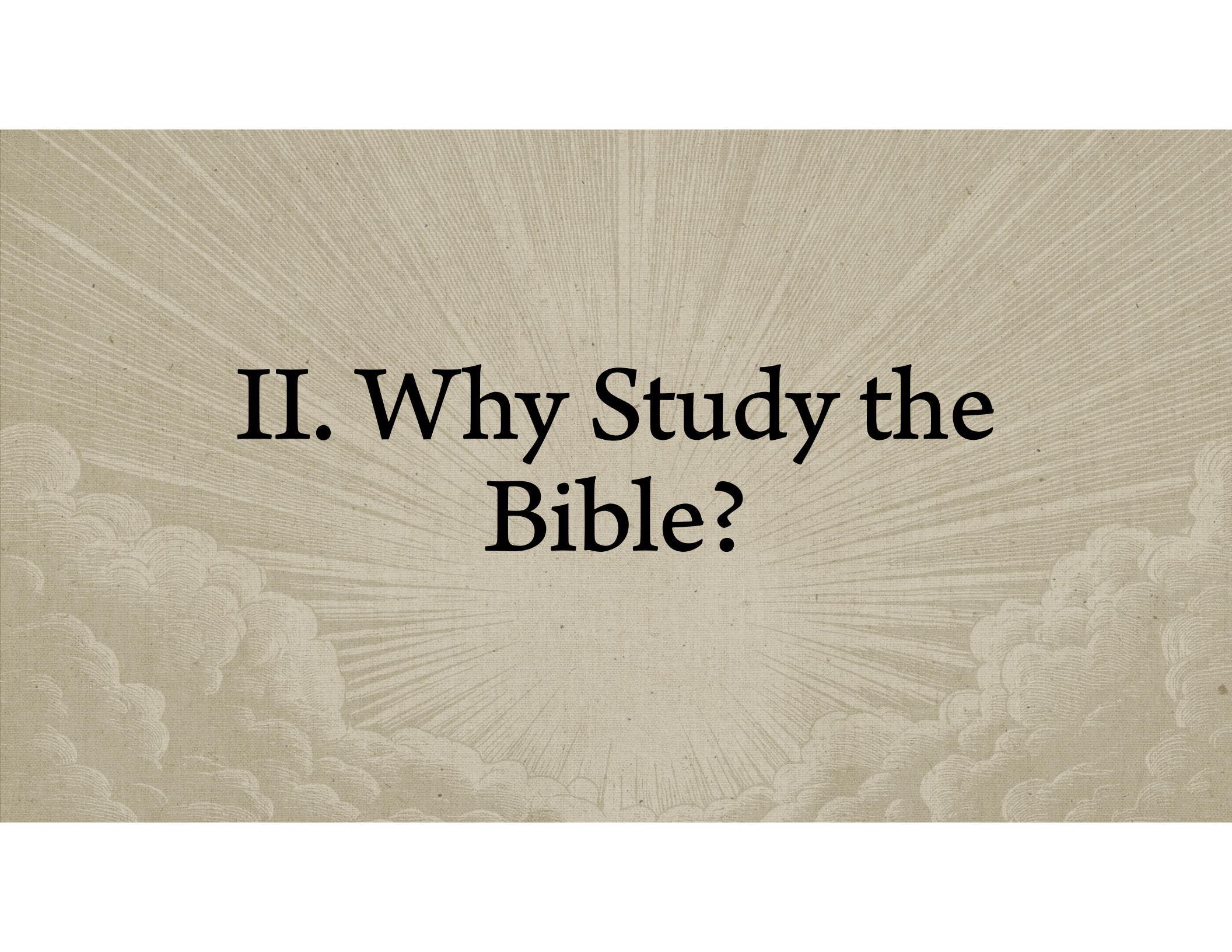
2 Timothy 3:16

“knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit”.

1 Peter 1:20-21

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- It is essential for your growth.

“Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.”

1 Peter 2:2-3

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- Spiritual = λογικός
- Play on the term term “λογος” which means “word”

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III. An Overview of the Method

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- Method - Greek *methodos* meaning “a way or path of transit”.

- What is the Goal?

(1) To understand the Bible in the way that the original author wrote and the original audience understood it, (2) to understand what it says about Christ, and (3) to be able to then apply it to your life today.



The Method: Inductive Bible Study

Inductive Bible Study

- Observation - What do I see?
- Interpretation - What does it mean?
- Application - How does it work?

Observation

- Repetition
- Reasons for/Results of
- Types of statements
- Comparisons/Contrasts

Interpretation

- What did the author intend to say?
- What did the original audience understand it to mean?
- What does this say about Christ?

Interpretation

- Bridging the Gaps in our understanding.
 - Context (time) gap.
 - Geographical gap.
 - Cultural gap.

Application

- How is the main idea relevant to life today?
- How does the interpretation of this passage helps us to see ourselves clearly?

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

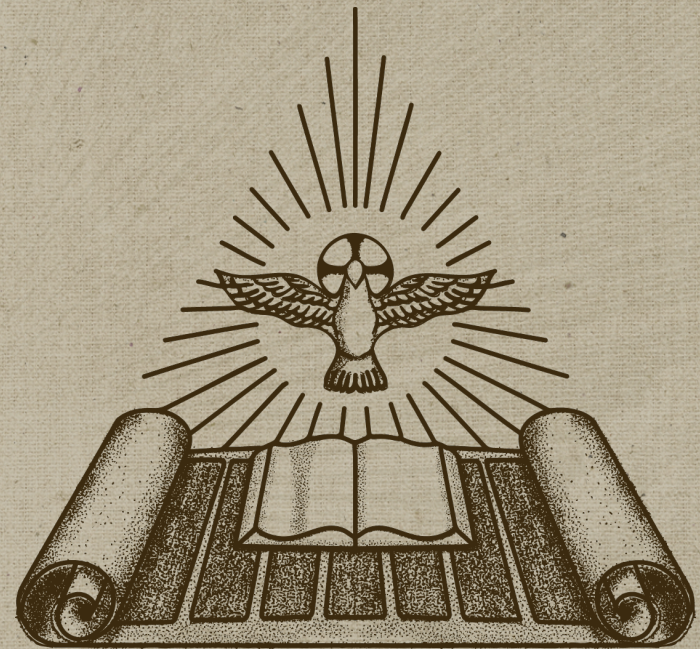
Ephesians 2:8-10

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- How is the main idea relevant to life today?
- How does the interpretation of this passage help us to see ourselves clearly?
- What does this say about The Risen Christ?

Doctrine of illumination

- The idea that the spirit does a divine work in our souls in order to help us rightly interpret and apply the scripture in our lives.



12. *“Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes!*

18. *Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.*

33. *Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.*

108. *Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your rules.”*

Psalm 119

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Homework

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- 1) Plot a time on your calendars when you are going to prayerfully study your Bible.
- 2) Read Hendricks on Observation
- 3) Read **Mark 10:35-52** daily this week in preparation for our work in session 2 on Observation.