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THE IGNITION

MODULE 2 — DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

Learning to Study, Understand, and Live God's Word

Module Overview

The Bible is more than a collection of ancient writings.

It is God's living Word, revealing His character, His purposes, and His plan of redemption through Jesus Christ. It teaches us how to know God, how to follow Him faithfully, and how to live as His people in every generation.

Throughout **THE SPARK**, you established the habit of reading Scripture.

During **THE EMBERS**, you learned to apply God's Word to your daily life.

Now, in **THE IGNITION**, God invites you to move even deeper.

Reading Scripture is essential.

Studying Scripture is transformational.

As you learn to understand the historical setting, literary style, cultural context, and overall message of the Bible, you'll begin to see how every passage fits into God's greater story of redemption.

The Holy Spirit, who inspired Scripture, also illuminates it. He opens our minds to understand God's truth, convicts us where change is needed, and empowers us to live what we learn.

John Wesley believed Christians should be "people of one Book." He devoted his life to studying Scripture because he believed every doctrine, every ministry, and every decision should be grounded in God's Word. He encouraged believers not merely to know the Bible, but to allow the Bible to shape their hearts and lives.

As you grow in your understanding of Scripture, you'll also grow in your ability to encourage others, answer questions with humility, and faithfully teach God's truth.

A disciple who knows God's Word is prepared to walk confidently wherever God leads.

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved... who correctly handles the word of truth."

— 2 Timothy 2:15

Learning Objectives

By the end of Module 2, you will:

- Understand the importance of studying Scripture in context.
 - Learn practical methods for personal Bible study.
 - Apply biblical truth to everyday decisions.
 - Develop confidence in discussing and sharing Scripture.
 - Recognize the Bible as God's unified story of redemption.
 - Build lifelong habits of faithful study and application.
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LESSON 5 — UNDERSTANDING BIBLICAL CONTEXT

Theme

Every passage of Scripture was written for us, but it was also written to a specific people, in a specific place, at a specific time.

Key Scriptures

- Nehemiah 8:8
 - Luke 24:27
 - Acts 17:11
 - 2 Timothy 3:16–17
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Big Idea

Understanding the context helps us understand God's intended message.

Introduction

Have you ever heard someone quote a Bible verse in a way that didn't seem quite right?

Often, misunderstandings happen because verses are separated from their context.

The Bible wasn't written as isolated verses.

It contains letters, poetry, history, prophecy, wisdom, biographies, and apocalyptic literature.

Each book has an original audience, historical setting, and purpose.

Understanding these helps us faithfully interpret God's Word.

Context doesn't make Scripture less relevant.

It makes it more meaningful.

Reading with Context

When studying a passage, ask:

- Who wrote this?
- Who was the original audience?
- What was happening historically?
- What comes before and after this passage?
- What does this reveal about God?
- How does this point to Jesus?

These questions help us understand before we apply.

Reflection

1. Why is context important when reading Scripture?
2. Have you ever misunderstood something because it was taken out of context?

3. How does understanding the original audience deepen your appreciation of God's Word?
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Weekly Challenge

Choose one chapter of the Bible.

Before reading, learn who wrote it, when it was written, and why.

Notice how this changes your understanding.

Prayer

Father,

Thank You for giving us Your Word. Help me study it carefully and faithfully, always seeking to understand what You intended to communicate.

Amen.

Memory Verse

"They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning..."

— Nehemiah 8:8

LESSON 6 — HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

Theme

Careful study helps us move from simply reading Scripture to being transformed by it.

Key Scriptures

- Psalm 119:9–16
 - Joshua 1:8
 - James 1:22–25
 - 2 Timothy 2:15
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Big Idea

The goal of Bible study is life transformation, not simply gaining knowledge.

Introduction

Reading the Bible is like walking through a beautiful forest.

Studying the Bible is like stopping to examine every tree, every path, and every detail.

One simple approach to Bible study is the **OIA Method**:

Observation – What does the passage say?

Interpretation – What does it mean?

Application – How should I live because of it?

Asking thoughtful questions and slowing down allows God's Word to take root in our hearts.

Practical Study Habits

As you study:

- Pray before reading.
- Read slowly.
- Highlight repeated words or ideas.
- Ask questions.
- Compare Scripture with Scripture.
- Write down what God is teaching you.

- Apply one truth each day.

Knowledge becomes wisdom when it changes the way we live.

Reflection

1. Which step of Observation, Interpretation, or Application is easiest for you?
 2. Which step challenges you most?
 3. How can you make Bible study part of your weekly rhythm?
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Weekly Challenge

Study one Gospel passage this week using the OIA Method.

Write one practical application and intentionally live it out.

Prayer

Lord,

Teach me to study Your Word carefully and apply it faithfully. May Your truth shape my thoughts, decisions, and actions.

Amen.

Memory Verse

"Do not merely listen to the word... Do what it says."

— James 1:22

LESSON 7 — APPLYING SCRIPTURE TO EVERYDAY DECISIONS

Theme

God's Word was given to shape every area of our lives.

Key Scriptures

- Psalm 119:105
 - Romans 12:1–2
 - Colossians 3:16–17
 - Proverbs 3:5–6
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Big Idea

The Bible is not only meant to be understood—it is meant to be lived.

Introduction

The Bible isn't simply a book for church on Sundays.

It is God's wisdom for everyday living.

It shapes:

Our relationships.

Our work.

Our finances.

Our conversations.

Our priorities.

Our decisions.

Every page invites us to trust God more fully.

The Holy Spirit uses Scripture to renew our minds so we increasingly think and live like Christ.

Living God's Word

When making decisions, ask:

- What principles from Scripture apply?
- Does this honor God?
- Does it reflect Christ's character?
- Does it love God and others?
- Would this strengthen or weaken my witness?

God's Word becomes our compass in every season of life.

Reflection

1. What recent decision could have benefited from biblical wisdom?
 2. Which area of your life needs greater submission to Scripture?
 3. How has God's Word guided you in the past?
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Weekly Challenge

Choose one biblical principle and intentionally practice it every day this week.

Journal how it impacts your choices.

Prayer

Father,

Help me become someone who doesn't simply know Your Word but faithfully lives it. Let Your truth guide every decision I make.

Amen.

Memory Verse

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

— Psalm 119:105

LESSON 8 — SHARING GOD'S WORD WITH OTHERS

Theme

God calls every believer to lovingly share His truth with others.

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 28:18–20
 - 2 Timothy 3:16–17
 - Colossians 4:5–6
 - 1 Peter 3:15
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Big Idea

You don't need to know everything about the Bible to begin sharing what God is teaching you.

Introduction

One of the greatest ways to grow spiritually is to share what you're learning.

Teaching isn't reserved for pastors.

Parents teach children.

Friends encourage friends.

Small group members discuss Scripture together.

Mentors guide younger believers.

Every Christian can help someone else grow.

Sharing God's Word isn't about having all the answers.

It's about faithfully pointing people to Jesus.

As you continue studying Scripture, you'll discover that God often uses ordinary conversations to accomplish extraordinary things.

Sharing with Grace

When discussing Scripture:

- Listen well before speaking.
- Speak with humility.
- Keep Jesus at the center.
- Share Scripture, not just opinions.
- Admit when you don't know an answer.
- Continue learning together.

The goal is never to win arguments.

The goal is to help people know Christ.

Reflection

1. Who has helped you understand God's Word?
2. Who could benefit from what God is teaching you?

3. What fears keep you from discussing Scripture with others?
 4. How can humility strengthen your witness?
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Weekly Challenge

Share one Scripture that has encouraged you this week with a friend, family member, or small group.

Explain why it has been meaningful in your life.

Prayer

Lord,

Thank You for speaking through Your Word. Help me faithfully share what You are teaching me with humility, love, and wisdom. May every conversation point people toward Jesus.

Amen.

Memory Verse

"Always be prepared to give an answer... for the hope that you have."

— 1 Peter 3:15

Module 2 Wrap-Up

The more deeply you know God's Word, the more confidently you can follow God's will.

Throughout this module, you've learned that the Bible is not merely a book to be read—it is God's living Word to be studied, understood, applied, and shared. As you grow in your understanding of Scripture, the Holy Spirit continues to renew your mind, strengthen your faith, and prepare you for greater service in God's Kingdom.

A disciple who studies God's Word with humility becomes increasingly equipped to discern truth, make wise decisions, encourage others, and confidently represent Christ in every area of life.

But God has not only given you His Word—He has also uniquely equipped you to serve His Church.

In Module 3 — Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts, you'll explore how the Holy Spirit has gifted every believer for ministry. You'll identify the unique abilities God has entrusted to you, learn how those gifts strengthen the Body of Christ, and begin serving with greater confidence and purpose.

The fire continues to grow.

Now let God reveal how He has uniquely designed you to help fuel it.