

What are some other ways to effectively study God's Word?

3. Fellowshiping with other Christians:

All Christians need to spend time with other Christians. Young Christians especially need to associate with those who are able to help them grow in their Christian walk.

Hebrews 10:25 _____

Why is it so important for Christians to spend time together?

What may happen if I don't spend time with other Christians? _____

CONCLUSION:

It is a very exciting thing to be walking in partnership with God. He desires for us to grow and we will as we spend time in prayer, read His Word, and make friends with those of like faith. As we do these things we will be amazed at how we grow in our faith.

In the last days before His return Jesus is looking for men and women strong in their faith.

STUDY 2: GROWING IN GOD

MEMORY VERSE:

'Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ' – Philippians 1:6

INTRODUCTION:

God has begun a good work in the life of every Christian and it is His desire that we grow to maturity in Him. In this study we are going to discover some keys to growing in God as we learn to walk with Him.

Jesus is now living in your heart and He wants to work with you to bring about Christian growth and development in your life. We start our new life in Him by making a decision to receive Jesus. Now we learn to become His disciples.

John 8:31-32 – What is a disciple? _____

1. Prayer:

To some people the word 'prayer' may bring to mind boring religious rituals. However prayer is one of the most powerful and fulfilling privileges a Christian has. Prayer in its purest form is simply talking to God. In prayer we are talking to the Creator of the universe and He is actually interested in listening to us!

What does the Bible say about prayer?

Luke 18:1 _____

1 Thessalonians 5:17 _____

Philippians 4:6-7 _____

Why do you think God wants you to pray? _____

Learn to have a 'God time' everyday. A 'God time' is when you set aside time during the day to spend it with God. Some Christians have their 'God time' before work, others after work, and others during their lunch break! The main thing with a 'God time' is to withdraw from your daily activities and spend time alone with God. During your 'God time' it is good to pray and read the Bible.

How can I make my 'God time' enjoyable and effective? _____

What things should I pray about? _____

What format should my prayer time take? _____

A. _____ (Adoration – worship)

C. _____ (Confession – if I messed up)

T. _____ (Thanksgiving – be thankful)

S. _____ (Supplication – asking)

2. Reading the Bible:

The second key to growth is reading the God's Word – the Bible. The Bible is the inspired Word of God. It is authentic, authoritative and all powerful. Jesus Himself said it will never pass away. The Bible is God's Word to us today!

2 Timothy 3:16-17 _____

Psalms 1:1-3 _____

Psalms 119:105 _____

Why is reading the Bible so important? _____

Here are some practical ways to effectively read the Bible:

- *Begin by reading the gospel of Mark and after completing it, read Matthew, Luke, and John.*
- *Read a psalm and proverb each day.*
- *After reading the four gospels, read the book of Acts and then systematically complete the New Testament.*
- *Underline any verses that are important to you.*
- *Think about how you can apply what you have read to your life.*