

## “Biblical Perspective”

### Becoming the People God Wants Us to Be #2

#### INTRODUCTION

To develop a Biblical Perspective we need a simple understanding of the Bible’s origin and purpose, a basic ability to read, interpret and apply biblical principles, the memorization of key verses or passages, and the development of a uniquely biblical world view. The Bible is not merely an historical text, nor is it a collection of rules and regulations. The Bible is “God-breathed” and has one underlying purpose – to point us to Jesus. It comes to life when God uses His written word to speak to us individually. This study gives us a foundation to begin developing a Biblical Perspective.

#### *Ice Breaker (Optional):*

What do you do when you read a passage from the Bible, and it just doesn’t make sense to you, or you have questions about it?

#### STUDY QUESTIONS (45 MIN)

##### **Have a Relationship with Jesus Christ, the Living Word**

###### **Q1. Read John 20:31, John 5:39, John 1:14**

John 20:31 tells us the underlying purpose to all of scripture is to point us to Jesus. When we fail to recognize that fact, our study of the scriptures can become an academic exercise. Consider what Jesus said to the Jews about the purpose of studying scripture. What do you consider the dangers of studying scripture as a purely scholarly exercise? How has God uniquely chosen to deliver his Word to us according to John 1:14?

##### **Accept the Bible’s Authority**

###### **Q2. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Romans 15:4**

The Bible is unique because it is not simply a collection of the writings of many authors. We see in 2 Timothy 3:16 that the Bible has one single author, God. What purposes of God does applying the Scriptures fulfill (2 Timothy 3:16-17)? Applying a biblical perspective to our lives both equips and matures us. What is the “hope” that results through the instruction of the Scripture? (Rom 15:4)

##### **Be Transformed By the Bible Through the Holy Spirit**

###### **Q3. Read 1 Corinthians 2:10-11, Ephesians 3:4-5, Hebrews 4:12**

We cannot fully understand the scripture apart from God revealing it to us. We believe that He has revealed, and still reveals Himself, through Scripture. Have you ever experienced God’s word coming to life, and “jumping off of the page” to reveal fresh insight to a very familiar passage? Are there any verses that are especially significant to you, which you feel God has used to transform you? Share them with the group.

##### **Obey What the Bible Says (LOVE GOD)**

###### **Q4. Read James 1:22-25; Matthew 7:24-27; 1 John 2:4-6**

The intent of the scripture is not simply to pour knowledge into you, God wants us to respond. How do James 1:22-25 and Matthew 7:24-27 portray the benefit we gain from acting on God’s word? 1 John 2:6 says those who abide in God must walk in the same way He walked. Describe one way you look at the world using a Scriptural basis for truth that is not readily accepted by your non-Christian friends.

#### WRAP-UP

A biblical perspective is one quality of a disciple of Jesus. It begins by having a relationship with the Living Word (Jesus). It is based upon accepting the authority of the scripture in moral purity, personal integrity, and living out the call to sacrifice and service. God’s Spirit brings the scripture to life and reveals truth that transforms us. But having a Biblical Perspective requires more than knowledge, we must act upon what the Bible tells us and walk as Jesus did.

#### **Memory Verse**

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV*

#### **PRAYER (20 MIN)**

*Ask your group to pray for you regarding one area where you can apply this study in your life: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pray for your group members’ needs: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Challenge: Read through a book of the Old Testament this week and ask God to show you how it points to Jesus.*

**Q1.**

John 20:31 ESV - 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 5:39 ESV - 39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me [Jesus],

John 1:14 ESV - 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Q2**

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV - 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Romans 15:4-5 ESV - 4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

**Q3**

Ephesians 3:4-5 ESV - 4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:10-11 ESV - 10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

Hebrews 4:12 ESV - 12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**Q4**

James 1:22-25 ESV - 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Read Matthew 7:24-27 in your Bible

1 John 2:4-6 ESV - 4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

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