

Come and See: Listening to the Word of God  
(John 7:15-18; Luke 24:13-49)

The Word of God Teaches the Words of God - Ga 1:11,12; Ps 119:102; Lk 24:27; Jo 14:16,17

- The Scriptures are "in+spirited" by God - II Tim 3:16,17

Read Them Regularly, Not Erratically - Acts 17:11; II Tim 2:15

- Take them in like food and water - Jo 6,7
- Get used to the character and the voice of God

Read Them Receptively, Not Protectively - Ja 1:21

- Present yourself in loving attentiveness to God - I Sam 3:10
  - ..."I want to know You" - Jo 17:3; Ps 119:102
  - ...develop a "love letter" relationship with the Word of God Himself - Jo 5:42; 14:21
- Come to God with a non-selective readiness to hear and obey - Jo 7:17-18; Ja 1:7-8
  - ...both the bitter and the sweet - Rev 10:9-10

Read Them Realistically, Not Gnostically - II Thess 3:16-17

- The Bible is a very worldly book
  - ...bring God and His words into \_\_\_\_\_ - Lk 24:28-29
  - ...our reality is to be overtaken by His greater reality - Lk 22:42

Read Them Responsively, Not Impassively - Jo 7:17

- Objective truth requires a subjective/personal response
  - ...participation is required for confirmation - Matt 7:24; Jo 13:17
- We adjust to His word/terms/truth
  - ...our lives become living commentaries on the Word of God - II Cor 3:3