

V. Conclusion

A. *Our growth in godliness depends on our Bible intake.*

B. *What steps can you take to improve your Bible intake?*

Class Schedule Overview

Teachers:

1	Introduction
2	All of life worship
3	Bible Intake I
4	Bible Intake II
5	Prayer
6	Confession of sin
7	Fasting
8	Evangelism
9	Serving
10	Stewardship
11	Cultivating Spiritual Fruit I
12	Cultivating Spiritual Fruit II
13	Perseverance

Core Seminars—How to Grow Class 3: Bible Intake (Part 1)



I. The Importance of Bible Intake

A. **God gives us new birth through Scripture.**

1 Pet. 1:23

B. **God sustains us in the Christian life through Scripture.**

1 Pet. 2:2, Deut. 8:3

II. Preparing to Receive the Word

A. **Revere Scripture**

1 Thess. 2:13

B. **Humility and Dependence Upon God**

1 Cor. 2:14

C. **Receptive Hearts**

Jas. 1:22-25

III. Bible Intake Methods

A. **Hearing God's Word**

Neh. 8:8; Eph. 4:11-13; Luke 11:27-28



B. Read God's Word

2 Tim. 3:16-17; Matt. 22:31-32; 4:1-11

Helpful Tips:

(a) *Find the time.*

(b) *Find a Bible reading plan.*

- Understand the text in light of the whole Bible
- Discern how the passage points us to Christ (eg. direct reference, type, predictive, preparatory, reflective—God's nature/human nature, resultant)
- Use tools: study Bibles, commentaries, dictionaries/lexicons, concordances, etc.

IV. Study God's Word

Acts 17:11

5 Helpful Questions to Ask When Studying the Bible:

1. What does the text say?

- Make careful observations of the text
- Notice details

2. What does the text mean?

- Use the grammatical-historical method
- Identify the genre of the writing
- Understand the historical, cultural, and literary background
- Unpack the passage's syntax
- Outline the passage
- Understand what the words mean in context
- Pay attention to the context
- Locate the text in redemptive history

3. What concerns caused the text to be written?

- Grasp the main message of a biblical passage

4. What do I share in common with the original audience or human author of the text?

- Understand ourselves in light of Scripture
- Distill the timeless principles from the text
- Understand what the text teaches about God's character, purposes, and works, mankind, Jesus Christ, our response to Christ, our obedience, the church, the world, etc.

5. How should I now respond to the truths of the text?

- What, specifically, does God require of me?
- Where (i.e. in what specific situations) do I need to apply the truths of the text?
- How does the text encourage and motivate me to obey God?
- How does God enable me to respond to the truths of the text?
- How can I spur others on to respond to the truths of the text?