



Core Seminars—How to Grow
Class 4: Bible Intake (Part 2)

D. Reading To Learn – Some Tips

1. Read the way that suits you
2. Read and think
3. Read and talk about it
4. Read and be challenged
5. Read systematically
6. Read always
7. Read but don't steal: The Bible is Primary!

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

I. Memorizing God's Word

A. Why Do It? Motivations

1. Memorization supplies spiritual power (Ps 119:11; 1 Cor. 10:13)
2. Memorization strengthens faith (Pr 22:17-19)
3. Memorization equips us for witnessing and counseling (Pr. 25:11; Eph 4:12)
4. Memorization is a means of God's guidance (Ps119:24)
5. Memorization stimulates meditation

B. How To Do It? Methods

1. *Decide you can*
2. *Have a plan*
3. *Write (or type) out the verses*
4. *Draw picture reminders*
5. *Memorize the whole verse, word-perfectly*
6. *Find a method of accountability*
7. *Review every day*
8. *Sing Songs*

II. Meditating on God's Word

Psalm 119:97; Phil. 4:8

Definition: Meditation is deep thinking on the truths revealed in Scripture, for the purposes of understanding, application and prayer.

B. Why Do It? Motivations

1. Promise of success (Josh. 1:8)
2. Meditation produces fruit (Ps 119:98-99)

B. How To Do It? Methods

1. Select the verses upon which you wish to meditate
2. Repeat the verse in different ways
3. Rewrite them in your own words
4. Pray through the text
5. Don't rush!
6. Silence & Solitude

III. Journaling

A. Why Do It? Motivations

1. Helps in self-understanding and evaluation (Jer. 17:9-10)
2. Helps us meditate on Scripture (Ps 1:1-2)
3. Helps us express our thoughts and feelings to the Lord (Ps 62:8)

4. Helps us remember the Lord's works (Ps 77:11-12)
5. Helps us create and preserve a spiritual heritage
6. Helps us clarify and articulate our insights
7. Helps us monitor our goals and priorities

C. How To Do It? Methods

IV. Learning

Eph. 1:16-18

A. How Can We Do It? Lots Of Ways!

B. Why Learn? Motivations

1. Learning is commanded (Pr. 23:12)
2. Learning characterizes the wise person (Pr. 18:15)
3. Learning fulfills the greatest commandment (Mark 12:28-31)
4. Learning is essential for increased godliness (Rom. 12:2)

C. Learning Takes Discipline (Job 32:8-9; 2 Tim. 2:15)