

Discussion Based Lesson Plan

Why Study the Word of God

Lesson Aim

- To help learners **understand** why God **commands** study.
 - To show the difference **between knowledge and obedience**.
 - To encourage **studying, that leads to living truth**.
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Opening Activity

1. Ask the group to quietly think about why they personally read the Bible.
 2. Invite a few brief responses without correction or comment.
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Discussion Segment 1: Studying for Life or Knowledge

Scripture Focus

Moses writes in **Genesis 2:9,17**

And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

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Discussion Questions

1. What **difference** do you see **between the two trees**?
2. How can **Bible study** become **knowledge only**?
3. What do you think it means to **eat from the tree of life**?

Key Truth

Studying for truth that we obey leads to spiritual life.

Discussion Segment 2: Hearing Versus Doing

Scripture Focus

Jesus speaks in **Matthew 7:24 to 27**.

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Discussion Questions

1. Why did both builders hear the same words?
2. What made the outcomes different?
3. How does this apply to Bible study today?

Key Truth

Obedience shows whether study is true and effective.

Discussion Segment 3: Study as a Command

Scripture Focus

Paul writes in **2 Timothy 2:15**

Discussion Questions

1. Why does Paul say study brings approval from God?
2. What does being “not ashamed” suggest?
3. How can study help avoid confusion?

Key Truth

God commands study so His people handle truth correctly

Discussion Segment 4: The Word Cleanses and Sustains

Scripture Focus

John writes in **1 John 1:7**.

The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

Peter writes in **1 Peter 1:23**.

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Discussion Questions

1. How is walking in the light connected to the Word?
2. Why is the Word needed after being born again?
3. What happens when study stops?

Key Truth

The Word both gives life and keeps life

Closing Reflection

Invite learners to silently ask God to show one truth to obey this week.

Allow a short moment of quiet reflection.

Summary Emphasis

We study the Word to please God through obedience.

True study always leads to life, growth, and stability.

This lesson is designed to be discussion-focused, Scripture-centred, and practical, encouraging both spiritual growth and discipleship.