

Living Your Next | Ground in the Word

Where do we go from here? Our spiritual journey depends on your heart. Let's start by committing it to God's Word.

Holding fast that faithful word according to doctrine

Titus 1:9a Geneva Bible (GNV, 1599)

We understand the importance of the Bible. Most of us read it – even study it – on a regular basis. Our commitment to Scripture is probably higher than most. Let's tweak our approach to God's Word just a little bit and become even more productive.

First, **study the Bible with urgency**. When bad weather approaches, you watch news reports about weather more closely and with more energy than most days. The news of a tragedy captures our attention differently than most stories. Commit to reading the Bible each weekday – a little or a lot – with energy and urgency. This is the most important thing you will do all day.

Second, **study the Bible with someone**. Doing things together builds accountability and adds perspective. Usually, we read the Bible by ourselves, don't we? Commit to reading the Bible twice a week all summer with someone. You can count Sunday at church as one day. (If you skip church that week, you have to add a day.)

Finally, **study the Bible with hope**. When we pray, we often approach God with expectations. We desire our prayers to be answered. Apply that same expectation to your reading of God's Word. Expect God to make a difference in your heart and your mind. Each time you open its pages, ask God to make clear the truth He wants you to reinforce in your life.

After Labor Day, let's talk together about what happened because of the steps we take this summer.

Your Cafeteria of Commitment

Your Next Steps

Hold fast that faithful word

- Carry**
Carry your printed Bible to church every Sunday this summer. Make a point to look up every Scripture.
- Read**
Read the 30-day devotional "Blessed from A to Z." The study takes you through Psalm 119.
- Memorize**
Memorize five verses of "Scriptures You Should Know by Heart."