

CHAPTER 4/SESSION 4 – An in-depth guide on how to study the Bible so we can find our lifestyle out of God's Word.

I. How to have a thorough study of God's Word

- A. Observation – Carefully observe what it really says.
- B. Interpretation – Studying what the Bible actually says, rather than what I think or feel about it.
- C. Application – Only when I apply God's Word by faith can He then do the changing

II. Does Jesus send suffering or does He allow it?

- A. Discuss: Matthew 4:1 –
- B. John 11:4,6,15 –

III. Let's study Matthew 25:56-75 together using our Bible Study work sheet.

- A. Observe: What are the verbs in this passage? List them in order on your chart
- B. Interpretation:

1. What did the passage mean to those to whom it was written?

What did Peter remember?(26:30-35,75)

What other verbs, with their explanatory phrases for emphasis, can you add to your list of Peter's actions?(26:30-35)

Compare the account in the other Gospels (Mark 14:26-31; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:36-38)

What verbs from these accounts can you add to your list?

What warning had Jesus given to Peter? (Matt.26:37-41)

Why did He need to give Peter this warning? (26:40)

Why did Jesus single Peter out especially for this warning? (Lk22:31,32)

What was the significance to Peter's actions when he "began to curse and to swear"? (If you get a chance, look up the word "curse" in a commentary to find the Old and New Testament significance of the word.)

2. What does it mean to us today?

What series of events led to Peter's denial?

What does it mean to deny Christ today? (If you get a chance, look up "deny" in a modern dictionary)

Is there a series of events that have led or are leading up to your denying Christ?

Do you think watching and praying can help you? How? (Consider, as one answer, the Christian's spiritual armor in Eph.6:11-18)

Does Satan want you? (Look at 1 Pet.5:8,9)

What was Peter's reaction to denying Jesus?

Compare Jesus' words in Matthew 5:34-37 with James 3:10; 5:12. What stand should a Christian take?

C. Application: The real change comes when we take the truths we have observed and interpreted and apply them to our lives.

Use the following questions to apply the biblical truth concerning

(1) denying Christ (2) cursing

What was already a part of my thinking? _____

What is new to me? ? _____

What requires a change in my thinking? _____

What already was a part of my actions? _____

What can be applied to my behavior? _____

What actions can I take to obey now? ? _____
