

How should we respond to the Bible?

Discussion guide

based on **Psalm 119:97-112 & Matthew 7:24-29**

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This was the third and final part of a series on Why and How to read the Bible.

Intro: Describe a time when reading something has prompted you to take an action

Read Psalm 119.97-114 and Read Matthew 7:24-29

What strikes you about these verses?

What do we learn about God from these verses?

What do we learn about ourselves from these verses?

Dan highlighted 4 ways in which we should respond to the Bible:

Not just with wonder but with worship

What is the difference between wow and worship? How do we turn one into the other? What, in the Bible, should lead us to worship? Are there ways of bringing more worship into everyday life?

Not just with remorse but with repentance

What is the difference between the two? Why does repentance "lead to life" but worldly sorrow "lead to death" (2 Cor 7:10-11)? Can you think of a time when your repentance has led to joy (Psalm 51:12)?

Not just with admiration but with trust

What is the difference between the two? How does the Bible help us to trust? How can we learn to trust God more? Is God asking us to step out in faith, individually, as a group or as a church?

Not just with our heads but with loving obedience

What is the difference between the two? Why can obedience have such negative connotations? Why don't we obey more readily? What should be our motivation for obedience?

What other ways of responding to the Bible would you add to the list?

Personal reflection:

Head – what have you learned in this session that you need to ponder on more?

Heart – what has spoken to your heart in this session that you need to pray through more?

Hands – what actions do you need to take to put this into practice?

Is there anything from this reflection you want to share with your group (or one or two others in the group) so they can pray for you specifically, and encourage you in the days ahead?