

# Bible Studies

*“And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching . . . Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her” Luke 10:39*

## ***Why a bible study?***

Bible studies give people the structure, accountability and resources to know and love the Bible for themselves. If we believe Hebrews 4:12 that the “word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword” and 2 Timothy 3:16 that “all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for . . . training in righteousness”, then it must be critical to our spiritual health. For many of us, we struggle to read or understand a great chunk of what is between our bible's covers. We are apt to just hear a little here and there, but never get into the Word. We remember, mostly incorrectly, the flannel graph stories of our Sunday School classes, but have no sense of the larger story. Opening the bible is crazy intimidating for lots of us. Bible studies give a safe place to learn and grow in Bible knowledge, but giving plenty of space not to be bible scholars, but also speak to how the study of scripture really is highlighting their own struggles, sins, hopes, etc.

Lastly, bible studies provide some connection and weekly encouragement for each other. We hope that for those who feel new, it’s an easy place to enter in and meet others. It also gives an opportunity for those who don't run in the same social circles to mingle and get to know each other.

## ***What do they do?***

The focus is primarily on growing through the study of the Scripture. Some Bible Studies may involve the study of a particular book (called inductive bible studies). Others may involve the study of a particular topic through the lens of Scripture (topical studies). Either way, the hope is for people to interact directly with the Scriptures in a way that increases both knowledge and practical application.

## ***When do they meet?***

There may be seasons when both men’s and women’s bible studies are offered, and there may be seasons when they are not being offered. Generally speaking, bible studies are designated for mornings or Tuesday nights.

## ***How do I find one?***

When we do have bible studies, you will find them in the bulletin or on our website.