

Zoom Class—2/14/21: Study the Bible for YOURSELF

1. When it comes to Bible study, is there anything wrong with learning from others? In fact, what did the Ethiopian eunuch ask for from Philip? (Acts 8:30-31).
2. But should we allow the learning we receive from others to take the place of our own personal study?
3. In the following verses, how does Jesus emphasize **personal responsibility** in reading and studying the Scriptures? (Matthew 12:3, 5; 19:4; 21:16, 42; 22:31).
4. When a lawyer came to Jesus with the question, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” how did Jesus respond? (Luke 10:25-26).
5. How much **effort** should each one of us spend in reading, learning, and understanding the Scriptures? (Psalms 119:131; Proverbs 2:1-5; 1 Peter 2:1-2).
 - a. Related question: With what frequency should we read and meditate on the Scriptures? (Acts 17:11; Psalms 1:1-2; Joshua 1:8; Deuteronomy 17:19).
6. According to Matthew 22:29, why were the Sadducees **wrong** in their understanding about the resurrection?
7. Think about the exchanges Jesus had with the Jews over the Scriptures, especially the ones they misunderstood or misapplied. Do you ever hear Him saying anything that would seem to excuse their misunderstanding? Did HE ever pass it off by saying, “everyone is entitled to his own belief”?
8. Here is the question we’ll spend the most time on during the class, and I’ll need your input. Again, as we’ve already seen, it’s very important to learn from others, but what are the unique benefits to studying and learning **on our own**, from drawing our **own** conclusions from our **own** personal study?