

*how to study the Bible*

**it's ELEMENTARY**



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Groups**

***“longing”***



## *The Point: it's important: studying the Bible*

*Don't forget to make the announcements to your group this week!*

### Discussion Generators

- What has stood out to you so far from the **it's ELEMENTARY** Point series?
- Sean began the Point on Sunday pushing a baby stroller. Take a moment to share a funny baby story from your child-rearing or your child-hood.
- Read 1 Peter 2:3.** According to this passage, how should we feel about the Word of God (the Bible)?
- How does the analogy of a baby fit this idea so perfectly?
- What are the similarities between a baby's desire for milk and our desire for the Word of God?
- Brainstorm: what things do you think prevent or impede people from longing for or craving the Bible?
- Go around the room and share: which of these are your reasons? Be honest, there's no judgment here.
- According to **1 Peter 1:23-2:3**, why should we long for the Bible? Take a moment to pick the passage apart and list each reason that Peter gives for why the Word of God is far more important than our own wisdom & understanding.



- Francis Chan wrote "...when you find that your beliefs or lifestyle don't match the Bible, do you assume that the Bible is wrong? Every time we find ourselves disagreeing with God, we can be certain that we are the ones who need to change".
- What do you think about that quote? Do you agree/disagree?
- Do you find yourself in a similar struggle?

•Read **Matthew 28:18-20**. How does Jesus' "Great Commission" (his final instructions) to make disciples, tie into the importance of studying the Bible? [hint: see v. 20]

•**We're going to use this month of Pr1me Groups to actually DO an Inductive Bible Study together, building each part over the next four weeks.**

For this week's preliminary step, have four people read Acts 2:42-47 out loud slowly from four different versions (NIV, NLT, ESV, etc.—available in YouVersion app). As these are read, have everyone be prepared to discuss:

- What things are different?
- What things were the same?
- Was anything easier to understand in a different version? What?

•One other way that we are growing together is by doing a YouVersion (free Bible app) reading plan together over the next month. Become "friends" with mc3Church on YouVersion and sign up for the "Why Read the Bible" plan (basic) or "The Word of God Plan" (advanced) and read along with the rest of mc3!

•Close your time with each person praying a short sentence prayer, asking God to help each person in your group crave and long for the Word of God.



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### **1 Peter 1:23-2:3 (NIRV)**

You have been born again by means of the living word of God. His word lasts forever. You were not born again from a seed that will die. You were born from a seed that can't die. It is written,

"All people are like grass. All of their glory is like the flowers in the field. The grass dries up. The flowers fall to the ground. But the word of the Lord stands forever." (Isaiah 40:6-8)

And that word was preached to you. So get rid of every kind of evil. Stop telling lies. Don't pretend to be something you are not. Stop wanting what others have. Don't speak against each other.

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### **Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)**

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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