

DISCOVERING YOUR DESTINY

“...that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.”
~ Colossians 4:12

Part 4: Reading The Playbook

Introduction – The Power Of Being In Context

Joshua 1:8

The Bible As A Stained Glass Window

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- Like a stained glass window, the Bible is meant to be looked _____ and to be looked _____.
- God’s _____ were always meant to be a window to his _____.
- God’s _____ (Scripture) were always meant to be a window to his _____ (Jesus).

Psalm 119:2, 10-11, 26, 38, 68, 82, 93,
114, 135, 137, 151, 169-171, 175

Hebrews 1:1-3

John 20:30-31

James 1:21-25

TIPS FOR SEEING CLEARLY...

1. Use more than one _____.
2. Combine reading with _____.
3. Write down _____ and take them to _____.
4. Always look for the _____ behind the _____ or _____.
5. Study in _____.

Conclusion – Preparing To Listen

Trust _____ for everything that matters.

2 Corinthians 3:14-16
John 7:17

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing this week’s teaching, share what one thing most inspired, perplexed, or challenged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. For each of the following, list one thing that can help us get the most out of our Bibles. a) **1 Timothy 4:13**; b) **2 Timothy 2:7**; c) **2 Timothy 2:15**; d) **Psalm 1:2**; **Joshua 1:8**; e) **Psalm 119:11**; f) **Philippians 4:9**; **1 Corinthians 12:28-29**; **Galatians 6:6**; **Ephesians 4:11-12**. Which of these do you most need to do/use more? Pray for each other in light of your answers.
3. Read **Psalm 19:7-8**. a) List (and give possible examples of) four things God’s Word does for those who live by it. b) Which do you need more of in your life? c) How does **verse 11** reinforce the lesson of **Joshua 1:8**? d) Pray for each other in light of your answers to “b” above.
4. Read **2 Timothy 3:16-17**. a) What are the ways listed in **v. 16** that Scripture helps us? Give an example for each, from your own experience if possible. b) How can **v. 17** inform our discussion with a Jehovah’s Witness (or someone from any other group) that claims that more writings from their society are necessary to truly understand God. c) Why would this have been a favourite verse of the first Protestant Reformers? d) What about your life most prevents you from becoming more “thoroughly equipped” (NIV) by Scripture? Pray for each other in response to this.

SO WHAT?...

5. Read **James 1:25**. What is one practical step you can take this week to improve your experience of God’s blessing in your life?

LOOKING AHEAD...

6. Read **Judges 6:36-40**. Do you think using a modern version of a “fleece” could be a valuable tool for Christians to figure out God’s will in a specific situation?

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