Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1207: Are There Secrets to Studying the Bible?

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1. What questions can we ask to better understand the context behind the Scriptures we study? Why is it important to understand this context? As followers of Jesus, what has God promised us for a teacher? (See John 14:26)

2. How can understanding the biblical meaning of words help decipher a verse's true message? How does looking at many different uses of a word in Scripture give us a deeper understanding? (See Mathew 20:1, 1 Corinthians 11:13, Ephesians 4:3, 2 Timothy 2:15, 4:9)

3. What are the three major time frames identified in 2 Peter 3:5-7,13? What are these type of divisions called? Why is it important to understand the chronological timing of the verses we study?

4. What events began and ended the first dispensation? Who did God deal with during this dispensation? How long did it last? (See Genesis 2:7, 7:23)

5. What is the second dispensation? What role do its three sub-periods of time or ages play in God's plan? Who did God work with during each age? How much of the Bible takes place during the second dispensation? What events began and ended this age? Where do we fit into this dispensation? (See Genesis 8:20, 12:1-2, Exodus 19:5-6, Daniel 12:1, Amos 3:2, Matthew 23:38-39, Acts 10:34-35, Revelation 2:10)

6. What is the third, and final, dispensation? What are its two distinct parts? Describe the *resurrection of judgment*: (See Jeremiah 31:29-30, 34, John 5:28-29, Ephesians 1:10, 2:7, 2 Peter 3:13)

7. Why is it important to understand whether to interpret a scripture literally or symbolically? How can we identify whether the language is symbolic or literal? What is one method we should use to interpret symbolic language? (See Psalms 33:8, 46:1-5, 66:4, Micah 1:2, 4:1-2, Isaiah 57:20, John 4:13-14, 2 Peter 1:20, Revelation 17:4-5,18, 21:12, 22:1,17)

8. How can we put our new Bible study techniques into practice to better answer the question: *What must I do to be saved?* (See Isaiah 11:9, Micah 4:1-4, Matthew 7:13-14, 8:25, 9:21, Mark 1:14-15, Romans 3:23-24, 6:23, 10:9-13, 1 Corinthians 15:21-24)

- a. What are we looking to be saved from?
- b. What are the two different paths to salvation?
- c. Describe the symbols used in these Scriptures:
- d. What are the ungodly people in Micah 4:2 doing?
- e. Describe how the Messianic kingdom will be governed
- f. How will this lesson change how you study the Bible?

