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TXT Message from God

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Part 3: Essential Vowels – O, I, A

Introduction:

Essential Vowels: Basics for Knowing the Bible

1. _____ – What does the text _____?

Tool: Download App “Read Scripture” or use TheBibleProject.com

2. _____ – What does the text _____?

2 Chronicles 7:14

Cardinal Rule: Interpretation is _____, Application is _____

Three Tools in the “Toolbox” of Interpretation:

- Grammatical Tools: Tools that _____ (analyze)
- Historical Tools: Tools that _____ (scrutinize)

Example: compare 1 Peter 1:13 in KJV and NIV

- Contextual Tools: Tools that _____ (harmonize)

3. _____ – How do I _____?

How does this apply to my life right now?

1 Corinthians 2:14-16

The Big Idea:

If you have trusted Christ, you have His mind by the power of the Holy Spirit resident within you! You can do this!!!

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Personal Life:

1. What are some of your biggest personal struggles, frustrations or hang-ups when it comes to studying the Bible? Do you tend to approach the Bible more as a "How-To" book or as a "Love Story"? Explain...

Ponderings:

2. Read Hebrews 4:12 (the analogy of the double-edged sword)
Read James 1:23 (the analogy of the mirror)
Read Psalm 119:1-5 (the analogy of the light and lamp)
Read Matthew 4:4 (the analogy of the bread)

What do each of these analogies, one by one, communicate about the significance of God's Word in our lives? Discuss...

3. If you had to give an opinion, how do you think the average professing Christian in America views the Bible on a practical level? Explain your answer...
 - a. As a guide-book or how-to book for living successfully
 - b. As a mystical book of takes for moral living
 - c. As a love-letter and road-map for discovering life in Jesus Christ
 - d. Other (please specify)
4. If you have time, watch TheBibleProject.com video on Genesis 1-11 as a group. You can access this on Youtube or through the "Read Scripture" App on your device. Then discuss the following...

What are your general impressions of the quality of the video?

How might a tool like this help you to stay motivated to read through the Bible over time?

Promptings:

5. If you're not already committed to another format, would you consider using the Read Scripture App or TheBibleProject.com in your personal study of the Bible? How might your life change if you truly – once and for all – got grounded in God's love letter to humanity?