

Dig Deeper into “The Use of the Bible” for personal study & Life Groups

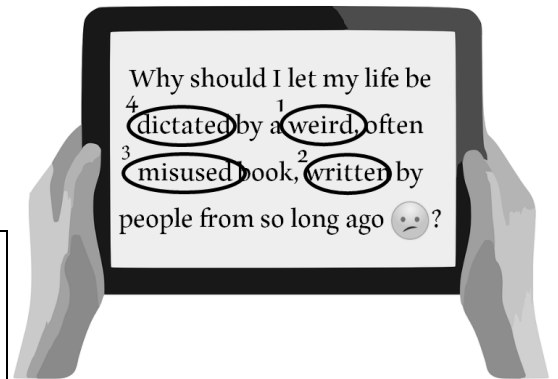
In this series we are looking at different aspects of the Bible:

WEEK 1) THE CHARACTER OF THE BIBLE

WEEK 2) ITS AUTHOR & AUTHORITY

WEEK 3) ITS INTERPRETATION

WEEK 4) ITS USE AT CHURCH & HOME



Summary of Sermon this week...

(Readings: Psalm 19:7-11, 1 Tim 4:11-16)

Remember the precious priority of the Bible...

- **In church, especially the Sunday sermon (1 Tim 4:13)**
- **In small groups and one-to-one (Acts 20:20)**
- **On our own in daily devotions (Psalm 1:1-2)**

1. *Are there any questions you have from the talk? Which of the three areas is most pertinent to you at the moment and why?*
2. *How do 1 Tim 4:13 & 2 Tim 4:1,2 promote the priority of preaching? Are there any things that you could do differently to get the most out of the sermons at church? (This could be before, during, after!)*
3. *Brainstorm subtle ways in which the Bible could be downgraded in small groups, and what the various knock on effects would eventually be?*
4. *Read Psalm 119:41-48 to start this question off. What practically are the battles you face in personal Bible study? What help can others give you?*
5. *Pick one thing from this series to remember and one thing to work on. Pray about them!*

Bonus Box. *Seven ingredients for healthy sermon listening from Christopher Ash's short booklet "Listen up".*

1. Expect God to speak
2. Admit God knows better than you
3. Check the preacher says what the passage says
4. Hear the sermon in church
5. Be there week by week
6. Do what the Bible says
7. Do what the Bible says today - and rejoice!

Resources

- "Listen Up- A practical guide to listening to sermons" by Christopher Ash. £1.50. 32 pages.
<https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/listen-up>
- Resources for personal Bible Study...
<https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/daily-bible-reading/>
<https://www.10ofthose.com/uk/products?q=daily>
- Short book recommendation: "Can I trust the Bible?" by Barry Cooper.
- Please do give honest feedback to Charlie on how you have found this series of sermons & studies.