Best Practices for Personal Bible Study

**1.       Make Room.**

·         Make room in your life to meet with the Lord

·         Designate a time. Create “a space” in your home. Make a place.

·         Have all your supplies there: Bible, notebook, pens, highlighters etc.

·         Helpful Hint: Be sure to place your phone on Do Not Disturb and do not bring it to your meeting place.

·         Our Challenge is: 20 Minutes a Day for the Rest of Your Life

**2.       Show Up.**

·         Half the battle is showing up every day.

·         Keep your appointment with him. He will honor your time and He will bless every step forward and any attempt you make to get to know Him.

**3.       Pray.**

·         Ask the Lord to help you focus and give understanding and revelation. (Luke 8:18, Isaiah 50:4)

**4.       Develop a Plan.**

·         What will you do once you get to your study place?

·         How, *exactly* will you study your Bible?

·         It is helpful to develop a technique, method or system based on your personal wiring and learning style.

Helpful Tools: Green Acres Women’s Ministry Bible Study Handbook

**5.       Write it down.**

·         Briefly record words, phrases, action steps and lessons you can learn.

·         Defining words will also help you understand the text.

6**.       Consider a Study Buddy**

·         Ask a friend to study a book of the Bible with you and compare insights.

·         Accountability will help you grow!

**Ps 119:105** - His Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

**Ps. 1109:130** - The unfolding of your word gives light

**Hebrews 12:25** - See to it that you do not refuse him who is speaking to you.