



# HANOVERDALE CHURCH

## Nehemiah

### Studying the Word

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

**March 29, 2026**

Do you read and study the Bible every day? This week we dig more deeply into why studying the Word is so important to every Christ follower.

**Monday: 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:15-17; 1 John 2:27**

What does it mean to rightly handle the Word of God? Why is that important to God? What does reading and being familiar with the sacred writings of Scripture mean? From where does our salvation ultimately come? Do you think a person can understand the way to salvation without the Bible? What does it mean that the Scriptures are inspired or God-breathed? Why would God breathe out the words and thoughts that have become our Bible? If they are God's Words is there anything that is false about the Bible? What does the Bible do in us when we study it? Today, commit to reading the Bible every day this week. Let's see how long you can keep that streak going?

**Tuesday: 2 Peter 1:20-21**

Are the Scriptures made-made? Could a person cobble together the 66 Books of the Bible in his own imagination? How about a group of 40 writers over 1400 + years? If not from human creativity, where does the Bible come from? How did they know what to write? What does "men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit" mean. Today, as you read the Bible, think about what it means that what you are reading are God's words given to you.

**Wednesday: Nehemiah 8:3-6; Acts 17:11**

For how long was the public reading of the Bible in Nehemiah 8? What was the attitude of those listening to the Bible being read? How did they respond? Why do you suppose the Jews were so enthusiastic? What is your attitude to the Word of God being read at church? Compare this to the Bereans. What was their attitude to the preaching of the Word of God? Why were they eager to examine the Scriptures? Are you eager to study the Bible? What sort of character trait did Paul assign to them? Today, ask God to make you excited about listening to and discovering what the Bible is actually saying.

**Thursday: Ezra 7:10; Psalm 1:1-6**

Why did Ezra make a point of studying the Bible each day? Beyond reading the Bible, what did it mean for him to study it? Why would he teach it to others? Often, just reading a passage will do little for a person. However, to think about a passage and then take the concepts and teach it to others will cement it in you. What does Psalm 1 suggest needs to happen beyond a cursory reading of the Bible. Meditating here is not navel gazing. It is thinking about a passage throughout the day to get as much nourishment out of the passage as you can. It can mean memorizing it. And then applying it to everyday life. What happens when someone does that? Today, commit to diving deeply into the Bible as a normal part of your routine.

**Friday: Philippians 4:8; John 5:39**

During the day, what should you be thinking about? What is true and honorable? What is just and holy? What is worthy of praise? With all the good books out there, why is the Bible worthy of your study attention? Today, choose a passage and spend the day thinking about it. What do you suppose will happen if you search the scriptures and believe what they say? Go ahead. Give it a try.

**Saturday: Matthew 4:4; Luke 11:28; Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 3:16; Revelation 1:3**

Why is it important for an unbeliever to hear the Bible spoken? Why is that not good enough for someone who actually comes to faith? Why is reading the Bible like a newspaper not sufficient to those who are His children? What does it mean that we are to keep the Word? How will obeying what it says develop you toward maturity? Does the Bible have answers for most everything you might deal with in life, or only for coming to faith? What time is near that we should be alert to? God promises that those who read and heed His Word will be blessed, but only those who discipline themselves to do so will receive an eternal blessing. Are you allowing the Word to saturate every aspect of your life?