

**SCRIPTURE AND
KEY SERMON NOTES:**

CORE VALUE: BIBLE TEACHING We do not believe obeying God's Word restricts our lives; We believe Scripture empowers people to flourish. We believe that the Bible doesn't just inform us; it transforms us when we live it out. We will not just be taught the Word; we will study it, share it, and live it!

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."
James 1:22 ESV

**5 OBSTACLES THAT KEEP US FROM
BEING EMPOWERED DOERS OF GOD'S
WORD.**

1) DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS... BIBLE 101:
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2) DON'T TRUST IT FULLY?

3) DON'T KNOW HOW TO STUDY IT:
INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY METHOD:
• Observe – What does the text say?
Carefully examine the passage, noting key details, repeated words, context, and structure.
• Interpret – What does the text mean?
Seek the author's original intent, considering historical and literary context while comparing Scripture with Scripture.
• Apply – How does this truth impact my life? Identify practical ways to live out the passage in obedience and faith.
• Share (Bonus) – Who needs to hear this? Pass on what you've learned to encourage and equip others.

4) DON'T HAVE TIME OR DON'T "READ"

5) DON'T KNOW WHAT IT DOES:
• Helps Deal with Demons
• Nourishes Soul and Relationship with God

START PRAYING:

Father in Heaven, thank you for your Word in the form of Scripture! We are so blessed to have a God who is so kind and clear with us. You've revealed mysteries to us that we do not deserve but that you give out of your abundant love and mercy. Develop an increasing love and passion for the Word and for study and for living out

START TALKING:

- If you could ask God one question about the Bible, what would it be?
- What's a passage of Scripture that has stuck with you over the years?

START THINKING:

Read James 1:19-27 and make observations for the following questions:

- James contrasts two types of people: hearers and doers. Why do you think someone would hear God's Word but not act on it?
- James uses the illustration of a mirror. How does this help us understand the danger of hearing but not applying God's Word?
- The phrase "deceiving yourselves" (v.22) is strong language. What kind of deception is James warning against? How can someone deceive themselves when it comes to following Jesus?
- James describes God's Word as "the perfect law, the law of liberty" (v.25). How does obeying God's Word bring freedom rather than restriction?

START SHARING:

- What part of this passage or the message impacted you most and why?
Note: since this message covered such a wide array of information, consider going around in a circle and giving everyone an opportunity to share their favorite part.
- Which of the 4 obstacles listed in this message resonated with you the most?
- What action(s) are you taking to overcome the obstacle from the previous question?
- Is there an obstacle that hinders your time in The Word that was not mentioned in this message? If so, what is it?
- If you have a good bible routine, share it with the group! It may help someone find a way to become more engaged with Scripture in their daily lives.
- Get hyper practical for this one! What is something you currently do or can start doing to live out what you study in the Word rather than "just be a hearer?"
- Is there a passage or command in Scripture that you're wrestling with? Invite your group to help you wrestle with it!
- Before wrapping up your time together and moving to the "start doing" section, consider doing a short review of the Inductive Bible Study method with your group **AND** make sure everyone has one person they feel comfortable reaching out to, to ask questions as they begin implementing it.

START DOING:

Consider a group challenge where everyone sends a church center message to share something interesting from their time reading. Note: be gentle with the less confident people in your group who are still building the confidence to share with the group. Aka: don't make it mandatory. Smile.

Bonus points for sharing your thoughts with Pastor Jeff at connect@myrestore.church!