# How To Read, Study, and Understand The Bible

# How and why is the Bible necessary for a believer?

What do we gain from reading and studying scripture and what, if any, is the danger of not knowing the Word?

#### Romans 10:1-3

# Passion + Ignorance = Unrighteousness

Gen 3:1-7; Proverbs 14:12

## The Bible is...

## ✓ Dangerous – Matthew 4:1-11; II Cor. 2:17, 4:2

What are some of the dangerous ways in which the Bible can be and has been used?

#### The Bible is...

## ✓ Divisive

#### ✓ Difficult – II Peter 3:16

One of the worst things you can tell someone to do is "read the Bible." What are some of the challenges to reading the Bible?

## Challenges to Reading the Bible

✓ Don't know where to start  $\checkmark$  Don't understand what I'm reading ✓ How does this apply to me? ✓ Is this historically accurate?  $\checkmark$  Can I trust this is authentic

## How to Read, Study, and Interpret the Bible

- What is the purpose of the Bible?What the Bible is?
  - How the Bible came to be?
  - How is the Bible structured?
  - How to begin reading the Bible
  - Resources for studying the Bible
    Methods of Interpretation