

- **Introduction**
  - Today - How to read the Bible
    - Two ways -
      - Read as reading as a STORY book
      - Read as reading as a STUDY book
      - Many translations - some more
        - Dynamic - translated as whole sentence - paraphrase - better for read
        - Formal - translated word for word - better for study
  - How to read?
    - Simple - just read
  - Let's look at - How to study
    - Inductive Bible Study method
      - Observe
      - Interpret
      - Apply
- **Overview of Inductive Bible Study Method**
  - **Observation - Context**
    - MEANS - know
    - Historical context is important
    - Asking questions
      - Examples:
        - Who is the author?
        - What is the background?
        - What is the language?
        - What does the text say?
        - What's happening?
  - **Interpretation - Meaning**
    - MEANS - understand
    - Asking - What does it mean?
      - Only 1 meaning - not many, this will get you in trouble
      - Progressive Christianity - different verses can mean different things
    - Keys:
      - Let the Holy Spirit speak
      - Let the context speak
      - Commentaries and other sources can be helpful
        - Be careful which source, commentaries are man's interpretation of passage
        - Trust your source
        - Hebrew and Greek Text - LEXICON - source for Hebrew and Greek language text
        - BIBLEHUB
        - BLUE LETTER BIBLE
  - **Application - Practical**
    - MEANS - put into practice

- Can be many applications
- Ask yourself questions
- Two main applications
  - Personal
    - Apply to your life
    - What does it have to do with me?
  - All believers
    - Apply to the church/believers as whole