

# Growing in the Knowledge of God: How to Study the Bible

## Session 3: Firmly Establish the Truth: Teaching the Word of God

### Session 3 Outline

Key Passage: 2 Peter 1:12-18

#### I. Heart in Teaching (v. 12-15)

- A. Urgency to Teach
- B. Teaching Through Repetition
- C. Growth in Established Truths

#### II. Authority to Teach (v. 16-18)

- A. True Accounts
- B. Eyewitness Accounts
- C. Supernatural Accounts

#### III. Three Characteristics of Bible Study (John Stott)

“The higher our view of the Bible, the more painstaking and conscientious our study of it should be.” - John Stott, *Between Two Worlds*

- A. It Must Be Comprehensive
- B. It Must Be Open-Minded
- C. It Must Be Expectant

#### IV. Three Characteristics of a Bible Teacher

- A. A Godly Teacher is Prepared
  - 1. Pray
  - 2. Read, and re-read the text and lesson
  - 3. Context, Context, Context
  - 4. Identify Difficulties and Anticipate Questions
  - 5. Identify “Most Important” Things
- B. A Godly Teacher is Challenged
  - 1. Pray through the Text
  - 2. Don’t Predetermine Your Conclusions
  - 3. Don’t Avoid Uncomfortable Truths
  - 4. Don’t Worry about Needing All the Answers
  - 5. Pull Weeds, but Don’t Forget to Water the Lawn
- C. A Godly Teacher is Joyful
  - 1. Pray
  - 2. Always Focus on the Gospel of Jesus
  - 3. Salvation is Found in Simple Truths
  - 4. Trust the Results to the Holy Spirit