

Spiritual Discipline: Study
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Romans 12:2 (NIV)

² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1. What exactly is study?
2. Why does study more fully bring about the purpose of the Spiritual Disciplines, which is the transformation of the individual? In other words, what does study do that other Disciplines do not? (Hint: see Romans 12:2)
3. What does Scripture say about study? Read, analyze, and discuss each of the following biblical texts as you seek to answer the question as a group.
 - a. The call to study (Proverbs 23:12, 23)
 - b. The source of truth (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
 - c. God's expectations for our study (2 Timothy 2:15)
 - d. What to study (Philippians 4:8-9)
 - e. Applying one's study to one's life (James 1:19-25)
4. The spiritual discipline of study can be applied to books other than the Bible. Outside of the Bible, what book has had the most profound impact upon your own life? Why?
5. What are some specific things that we can do as individuals and as a K-group to practice the discipline of study this next week?