

How to read the Bible

- sermon 23/5

Welcome

Can you speak more than one language? Have you ever tried to learn another language? Have you ever been in a situation where people are speaking a language you don't understand—what did that feel like?



15 mins

Worship

Invite group members to share a verse or passage from scripture which has spoken to them in the last couple of weeks.

Spend some time thanking God for his word and the way that it speaks into our lives.



15 mins

Word

1. Read Acts:2:1-13.
2. What is the significance of vs 7-11? (see also Isaiah 66:18 and Rev 7:9-10). What does this mean practically for us as individual Christians and as a church family?
3. Read Acts 17:16-31.
4. In Acts 2 Peter speaks to those who know their OT well (vs5). In Acts 17 Paul speaks to those from a very different cultural and religious background. How does Paul share the Gospel in a way that people will listen and understand?
5. In a society in which fewer and fewer people come from a Christian background or have any knowledge of the bible what can we learn from Paul?
6. What does this mean for us—as individuals and as a church?
7. The Gospel message does not change—but the way we communicate it (translate it) does. Do you agree?



50 mins

Witness

The passages from Acts 2 and 17 remind us that God seeks to speak to us in ways we can hear and understand. The question remains: Are we listening?



10 mins

Expect God to speak to you through his word this week!