

## Hardcore 4.27.2021- How to Study the Bible

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- Never start without prayer
  - Bible is alien- humans helped write it, but it is not sourced from humans.
    - We need help from the guy who wrote it
  - The Bible is not a book, but a library of books (66, to be exact)
  - What you read and what you do with it
  - Christian life is based on obedience, not academics
- FOCUS Plan
  - Foundation- Read the text slowly.
  - Observation- Asking all sorts of questions
  - Clarification- Answering the questions; digging deeper
  - Utilization- Application; how does this apply?
  - Seek- Seek other voices- especially community. (Sermons, Podcasts, Commentaries.)
- What is 1 Samuel about?
  - Look up outlines online from scholars
  - Give a title
    - 1 Samuel- “The Making of a Leader”
  - Give chapters titles. 5 words or less
    - Chapter 17- “The Battle is the Lord’s”
- Observation
  - Ask 6 questions: Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How
- Clarification
  - Answer those 6 Questions
- Utilization
  - From the answers, ask questions about myself to inform myself.
    - Ex. Am I doing to others what Saul did to David?