

**I. What is the Bible?**

Hebrews 4:12

**II. Why do we need to read the Bible? [11]**

A. Life is a journey

B. We need God's leading

-Hebrews 4:11

C. God leads us through his Word

-Hebrews 4:12

**III. What happens when we read the Bible? [12-13]**

A. Life giving- "For the word of God is living"

-Hebrews 3:12

B. Life sustaining- "and active"

C. Life transforming- "sharper than any two-edged sword"

D. Life purifying- "piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow"

-Hebrews 4:13

E. Life discerning- "and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart"

**IV. How should we read the Bible?**

Hebrews 4:11

A. Read it- Wide and Deep

B. Study it- Personally and Corporately

Hebrews 3:12-13

C. Internalize it- Meditate and Memorize

D. Live it