

## “Text”

### Delta Lesson - August 24th “A Must Read”

**Big Idea: Instead of believing and following our preconceived notions we hear about the Bible why don't we just read it?**

**Open It** - What were some of your favorite moments this summer?

We start this series with a very simple goal. We want everyone at Heartlands to simply read their Bible on a regular basis. Its importance goes beyond a ritualistic expectation. The importance lies in the incredible Blessing that is wafting for us. It is surprising to see how many people attend church for a lifetime but spend little time actually reading the Bible. We tend to “leave it to the expert and simply accept what others have said about the Bible.”

Why would we spend our time and energy committing us to a church and following what the church says but never really examining the Bible for ourselves? **Instead of believing and following the preconceived notions we hear about the Bible why don't we just read it?**

The Bible is full of Challenge and Blessing. Have you read it?

**Open It** - A Little Delta Group Contest: How many in the group can name all the books in the Bible?

**Dig It** - Read Psalm 119:97-105

1. Verse 97. The Psalmist says he loves the Word of God. How would you rate your love of God's Word right now?
2. In verses 98-102 there are several blessing of knowing the Word. Go through and list them. Are these blessings true for you?
3. Verse 103. Can you name a section of scripture that has been “sweeter than honey” in your life?
4. Describe how God's Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path?

**Reflect on It**

1. If you have ever read your Bible on a regular basis what are the blessings? What do you think keeps us from reading the Bible?
2. Have you ever had a preconceived notion of what the Bible says and when you read it for yourself you discovered it not to be true? What was that like?

**Do It**

Today (Sunday) we received a simple reading schedule for the week. Commit as a group to read and reflect on the passages this week? Pray!!