



Abide Discovery Session: The Scriptural Mandate

Bridging the ancient there and then to the here and now.

Meditate & Obey. Study & Apply. Hear & Do.

The Call to Active Participation



“But become doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.”
(James 1:22, LSB)



“...not having become a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man will be blessed in what he does.”
(James 1:25, LSB)

Two Builders, Two Foundations

Hears & Does

Hears & Does Not

The
Foundation



Solid Rock



Shifting Sand

The
Storm



Stands Firm



Great Fall

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and does them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.” (Matthew 7:24, LSB)

The storms of life are inevitable. Our spiritual stability and joy are directly tied to our active obedience.

Meditation: The Internal Preparation

הַגָּה

Hearing

Meditation

Doing

A Word Study

Hagah (הַגָּה) – To mutter, muse, moan, or chew.

- ✦ Biblical meditation is not emptying the mind, but filling it with God's Truth.
- ✦ Pondering, reciting quietly, and actively discussing biblical truths with oneself to foster obedience.

The Result of Treasuring the Word

"But his delight is in the law of Yahweh, And in His law he meditates day and night." (Psalm 1:2, LSB).

Firmly Planted: Unshakeable stability in chaos.

Yields Fruit: Consistent spiritual vitality and impact.

Leaf Does Not Wither: Constant internal renewal.



The Source and Nature of the Word

**Didaskalia
(Teaching):**
Nourishment
through sound
doctrine.

**Elegcho
(Reproof):**
Revealing the need
for grace and course
correction.

Theopneustos:
"God-breathed" – The
ultimate authority directly
from the Creator.
(2 Timothy 3:16-17, LSB)

**Epanorthosis
(Correction):**
Standing up straight
again; restoring
the upright
state.

**Paideia
(Training):**
Forming proper
habits of godly
character.

“An Active, Dynamic Force”



“So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what pleases Me...”
(Isaiah 55:11, LSB)

Key Insight: God’s Word is not passive information. It is an active agent that carries out His mission and always yields results.

The Relationship: Abiding in the Vine

Menō (μένω) – To abide, remain in, continue in, or stay close.

“If you keep My commandments, you will **abide** in My love... so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.”
(John 15:10–11, LSB)

Obedience is not about earning love; it is the natural, joyful response to already being loved.

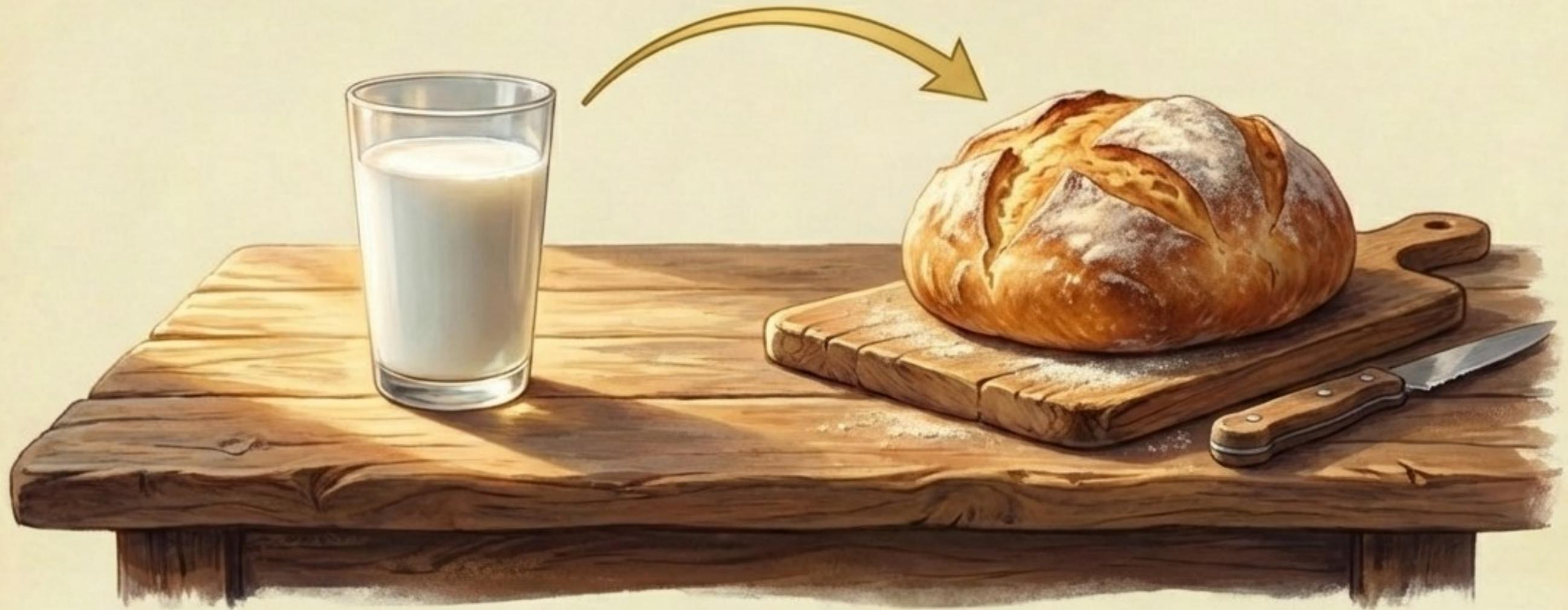
The Great Commission



“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations... teaching them to keep all that I commanded you...” (Matthew 28:19-20, LSB).

Core Conviction: Discipleship is teaching others how to prayerfully read, study, and meditate on God’s Word—empowered by the Holy Spirit.

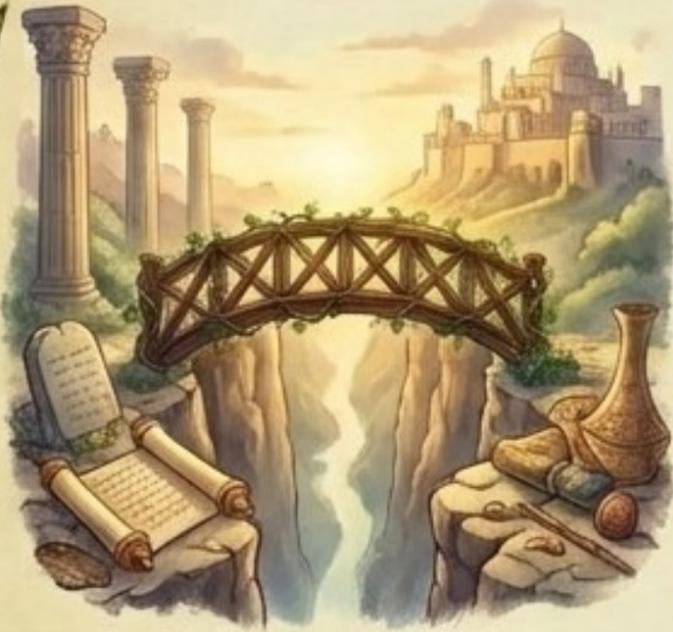
The Need for Spiritual Maturity



“But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern both good and evil.” (Hebrews 5:14, LSB)

Insight: Understanding the Bible doesn't happen automatically. It requires training, disciplined study, and continuous practice.

Why We Need Training: Bridging the Gaps



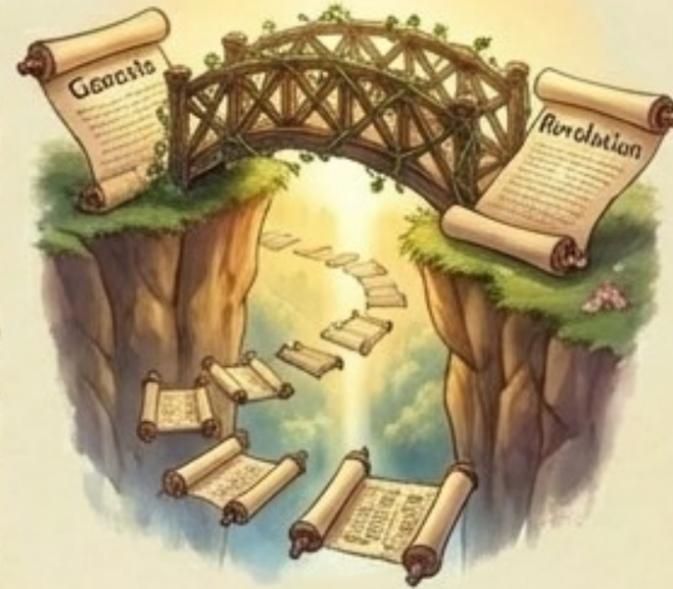
Historical & Geographical

Bridging the distance of time, culture, and ancient landscapes.



Literary

Understanding original languages and honoring specific genres (Poetry vs. History).



Theological

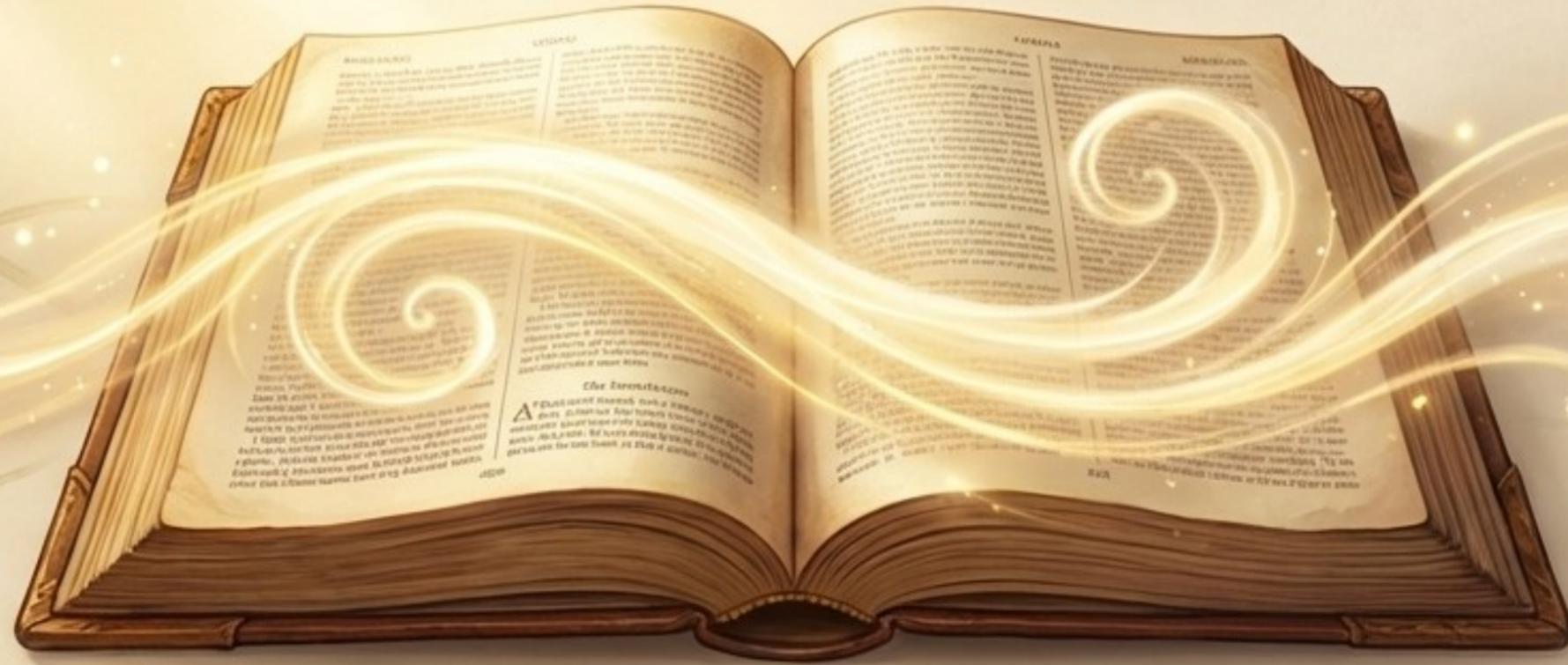
Connecting the progressive dots of God's revelation from Genesis to Revelation.



Appropriation

Faithfully applying the 'there and then' to the 'here and now'.

The Indispensable Role of the Holy Spirit



“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit... He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.” (John 14:26, LSB)

We do not Abide by our own strength. The Spirit bridges the final gap, writing His law on our hearts and causing us to walk in His ways (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

A Choice of Two Paths



The Danger of Passivity:

Treating the Word as a beautiful song to listen to, but never acting on it (Ezekiel 33:32, LSB).



The Promise for Seekers:

"On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it." (Luke 11:28, LSB)

Holiness and the New Life



“...do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...” (Romans 12:2, LSB)

Application: Immersion in Scripture, empowered by the Spirit, is how our minds are renewed. We learn to lay aside the old conduct and put on the new self.

The Rhythm of Discipleship

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& Obey.

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Hear
& Do.

This is how we abide in Christ.
This is how we demonstrate our love for God.