Enjoying God in His Word

First, a disclaimer: Although I often enjoy God in His word, I am sometimes too bored, busy, or bothered to enjoy Him. In those times, I don’t exactly feel guilty. I feel as if I have cheated myself of something I need and want—time with my God.

In order to enjoy God in His word—

**1. Hold fast to basic *Convictions***

A. God’s word is *understandable*

Psalm 119:97-100; Psalm 19:7-8

B. God’s word is *essential*

You can only enjoy God if you know Him

Philippians 3:7-10

You can only know God through the Bible

Matthew 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:14-17

C. God’s word is *sweet*

Psalm 119:103; 19:9-10; 34:8

**2. Engage in basic *practices***

A. Read with a heart seeking God

Jeremiah 29:13

B. Wait in *silence* for God to speak

Psalm 62:1, 5; 1 Kings 19:11-13

C. *Meditate* in the presence of God

Psalm 1:1-3

D. Turn God’s word into *prayer*

Daniel 9:1-3; Psalm 89 (with 2 Samuel 7)

**For Personal Reflection or Family Discussion**

1. What was the most important or helpful thing you heard in the sermon?

2. What questions did the sermon raise in your mind?

What was the most convicting part of the message?

3. Psalm 119 is a psalm about God’s word. It is also the longest chapter in the Bible. What benefits of reading and learning God’s word do you see in this psalm?

4. To what does 1 Peter 2:1 compare the word of God? What is the more advanced teaching of the Bible like (Hebrews 5:11-14)?

5. Jesus is the eternal Word of God (John 1:1, 14; Revelation 19:13). What are some of the ways in which the eternal Word of God and the written word of God are related? To get you started, there are a couple of suggestive phrases in 1 Peter 1:10-12.

6. How much do you *enjoy* God in His word? How might you seek greater enjoyment of God in His word?

7. Consider the reactions of two men who skipped their normal time of Bible reading and prayer one day.

* I’m a terrible person because I didn’t make time for God this morning. I feel so guilty. God will probably punish me in some way today.
* I missed my time with my Father today. I really needed that quiet fellowship with Him. I’m glad His love for me doesn’t depend on my perfect performance.

Which response might be more typical of you? Which is healthier? Which is more likely to result in consistent devotional times?