

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH BIBLE STUDYIntroduction :

Sometimes we call the Bible "God's word". Why?

(God didn't write the Bible, but often as we read the Bible, God speaks to our hearts).

In this lesson we will see two examples of people in the Bible who heard God speaking to them when they read the Bible.

1. King Josiah and the Book

Read 2 Kings 22 : 3 - 13; 23 : 1 - 4.

How did they find the book? *(Shaphan)*
the king sent his court secretary to go and tell Hilkiah the high priest to give the money collected in the Temple to those people who repair the Temple.

What did the king do when he had read the book? *He tore his clothes in dismay, and gave order to the high priest and others to consult the Lord for him and the people of Judah.*

What do you think the book said?

(NOTE : The book found was probably the book of Deuteronomy which strongly condemns idol worship).

2. Philip and the Ethiopian

Read Acts 8 : 26 - 39.

Who was reading the Bible ?

Did he understand it ?

Do you always understand the Bible ?

Who helps us to understand ?

Talk about preachers, Sunday School teachers etc. also gospel cassettes, translations like S.I.L. or "Kokonas".

3. Today we need to study the Bible carefully and in its context. We shouldn't read one verse here and one verse there, without looking at the meaning of the whole passage.

Scripture Union provides notes on Bible passages and helps people to follow a systematic study of the Bible. If possible show examples of the booklets Alive to God or Daily Bread etc.