



### Message Outline

*Understanding the Bible: The Recipe for Understanding-Part 1*

**Matthew 4:4**

**Intro:** A video on the storyline of Scripture...

- Creation, Fall, Rescue, Reunion...the metanarrative our stories are written in.

**Read:** Matthew 4:4

- Notice how Jesus knows/uses Scripture...
- The Bible is our bread!!! We will starve apart from Scripture...

### The Recipe

- C \_\_\_\_\_ Hungry: desiring God's Word.
- C \_\_\_\_\_ Ingredients: context matters.
- C \_\_\_\_\_ in the Kitchen: tools to cook...
- C \_\_\_\_\_ Together: the Word w/ the world
- C \_\_\_\_\_: don't just hear but do!

### Tips from the Kitchen

- \_\_\_\_\_
  - Asking God for understanding...
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  - The benefit of reading whole books of the Bible rather than bite-sized verses...
  - Books to start: Genesis, Exodus, Gospels, Acts, Romans, etc.
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  - Read and/or listen to the Bible from cover-to-cover at some points in life...
  - The more sticks the more times read...
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  - Every word, phrase, sentence, story matters!
  - Take time to think about each word read...
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  - What does it say? What does it mean? What am I going to do?
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  - NIV or NLT recommended...
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  - The Bible helps us understand the Bible...



### Mission Giving

(1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: January-March)

- Serve Bellevue Mission—  
\$350
- FM 97.7 WGN Christian Radio—  
\$500
- Abigail Pregnancy Walk for Life—  
\$150
- Bellevue Salvation Army—  
\$611.86
- O.M. Ships International—  
\$600
- Hope Church Community Dinners—  
\$500
- Daily Audio Bible—  
\$500
- The Bible Project—  
\$600
- Operation Heal Our Patriots—  
\$500
- Children's Hunger Fund—  
\$600
- UMCOR for Ukraine Aid—  
\$750
- UMCOR Flood Buckets—  
\$77.74
- UMC Apportionment Mission Giving—  
\$2,122.77

**Mission Support Total: \$7,862.37**

