

“When we want to speak to God, we *pray*
when we want Him to speak to us, we *search the scriptures*”

If you have not heard His voice speaking to you lately, return with new eyes and new ears to the scriptures.”

—Elder Robert D Hales—

When I say “study,” I mean something more than reading. It is a good thing sometimes to read a book of scripture within a set period of time to get an overall sense of its message, but for conversion, you should care more about the amount of time you spend in the scriptures than about the amount you read in that time. I see you sometimes reading a few verses, stopping to ponder them, carefully reading the verses again, and as you think about what they mean, praying for understanding, asking questions in your mind, waiting for spiritual impressions, and writing down the impressions and insights that come so you can remember and learn more. Studying in this way, you may not read a lot of chapters or verses in a half hour, but you will be giving place in your heart for the word of God, and He will be speaking to you. Remember Alma’s description of what it feels like: “It beginneth to enlarge my soul; yea, it beginneth to enlighten my understanding, yea, it beginneth to be delicious to me.”

~ D Todd Christofferson

What is the difference between searching the scriptures and just reading them?

When have you felt the spirit while searching the scriptures?

How might you improve your scripture study as you read the *Book of Mormon* this year?