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Robert Murray M'Cheyne (1835-1843) was a Scottish Minister whose writings still influence people today. Though he never lived to the age of 30, what he spoke and wrote lives on. One of his thoughts that remains with us is seen in this quote:

"When you are reading a book in a dark room, and come to a difficult part, you take it to a window to get more light. So take your Bibles to Christ." -- Robert Murray M'Cheyne

Ah! It is so easy to bring to our reading of God's word, the traditions that have been handed down to us, yet there are points where those traditions may have not been exposed to enough of the light. We also bring to the Scripture our own presuppositions formed by our own life experiences. These cause us to blindly read things into the Word instead of seeing what is already there. So M'Cheyne's quote encourages us to take our Bibles to Christ. After all, he is truth and he is the light that lights the life of every man.

Suggestion: Consider taking the little devotional thought I put together above and building a sermon that focuses on the correct way to read and study the Word of God. You can list the ways we can blindly read the Word (I mentioned a few above) and then you can share how to allow the Spirit of Christ to lead you in studying the Scripture.

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