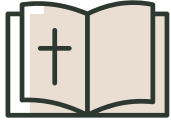


WHY AND HOW TO READ THE BIBLE



FIVE REASONS TO READ THE BIBLE



SCRIPTURE IS ENOUGH

It revives us, makes us wise, brings us joy, and sufficient for faith and living (Psalms 19:7-9, 2 Timothy 3:16)



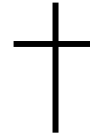
GOD STILL SPEAKS

It's His living word. (Heb 4:12) "Do you want to hear God speak? Read your Bible out loud." (John Piper)



FULL COUNSEL OF GOD

As the full counsel of God, it provides us with all that we need for life and faith (2 Peter 1:3, Acts 20:27)



ALL ABOUT JESUS

It is one beautiful cohesive story about Jesus (Luke 24:27)



IT TRANSFORMS US

It not only informs, but can transform us through the power of His Spirit. (Romans 12:2)

FIVE WAYS TO READ THE BIBLE



START WITH PRAYER

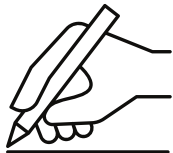
Reading the Bible is not about trying to check a box, it's about meeting with God. Here are some ways that you can pray:

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to illuminate your mind and help you to understand
- Pray that the Word might change you and help you obey



ALLOW SCRIPTURE TO INTERPRET SCRIPTURE

Are you stuck on a hard passage? Remember that "scripture interprets scripture." We should always read a passage in the light of the entire Bible. It's important to interpret confusing passages in light of passages that are more clear to understand or help shed light on what is being communicated.



MARK UP AND TAKE NOTES

Take notes to help you understand your Bible better. Underline or highlight key words, circle repeated themes, draw connections between verses. Ask questions in the margins or in a separate notebook/computer (ex: why is this important, how does this relate)



READ WITH OTHERS

Scripture has always been for his people (collectively). Pick a friend or partner to join you on this journey. Discuss what you are learning and what you are stuck on. Let's pursue him together.



UTILIZE BIBLICAL RESOURCES

Understanding the context and audience of a book is crucial in reading the Bible. So we highly recommend utilizing the online ESV Study Bible or purchasing a physical copy that you could mark up. In addition, below are some additional resources for deeper study:

[ESV Study Bible](#)
[Bible Commentaries](#)

[Crossway Resources](#)
[Bible Project Resources](#)

[Logos Bible Study Tools](#)