

How to Study the Bible

When You Don't Know Where to Start



A SIMPLE BEGINNER'S GUIDE



Start where you are. Keep it simple. God will meet you in His Word.

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105



START WITH THE RIGHT GOAL:

It's not about checking boxes, it's about knowing God



CHOOSE A READABLE TRANSLATION:

ESV, NIV, or NLT are great options



PRAY BEFORE YOU READ:

Ask God to give you understanding and show you what you need to learn.



READ SMALL SECTIONS :

A few verses read with attention can go further than many chapters skimmed.

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to help you understand and apply God's Word.

Examples:

- What is happening in the passage?
- Who is speaking and to whom?
- What does this teach me about God?
- Is there a command, promise, warning, or truth?
- How does this point me to Christ?
- How should this change the way I live?

6-STEP METHOD

1. **Pray** - Ask God to help you understand *Psalm 119:18*
2. **Read** - Read the passage 2-3 times slowly
3. **Observe** - What stands out? *Psalm 1:2*
4. **Interpret** - What is the context? What does it teach about God? *Luke 24:27*
5. **Apply** - How should this truth shape your life? *James 1:22*
6. **Respond** - Pray, thank God, confess, and ask for help to obey.

Tips



Use a notebook and write down your observations and insights. Writing helps you remember and reflect.



Use tools like commentaries and study aids wisely.



Be consistent - simple habits beat complicated plans you can't keep.



You won't understand everything right away. Keep reading, asking questions, and growing.

DON'T GIVE UP