

ENJOYING GOD'S WORD –Reading the Bible with a Purpose

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin with prayer • Rely on the Holy Spirit • Journal: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Questions 2. Answers 3. Applications 4. Encounters with God 	<p style="text-align: center;">KNOW GOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is god? • What is He like? What are His attributes? • What does this passage say about God? • How can we know God better? • How can we know Him more intimately? 	<p style="text-align: center;">KNOW JESUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kind of Man was He? • How did He act toward people? • Who did He respond to people? • How can we follow Jesus? 	<p style="text-align: center;">KNOW MYSELF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I live a godly life and please God? • How do I know what's right? • How do I pray • What does this say to me to change me? • What encouragement or hope do I have in this? • Does this text tell me what to do or not do?
<p><u>Mosaic Law</u> Genesis Numbers Exodus Deuteronomy Leviticus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify God's likes and dislikes • Are there any aspects that point to Christ, are types of Christ or are foreshadowing of Christ? 		
<p><u>History Books</u> Joshua 1 Chronicles Judges 2 Chronicles Ruth Ezra 1 Samuel Nehemiah 2 Samuel Esther 1 Kings 2 Kings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why and when do the people pray? • How do they pray? • How does God respond? • What habits sustain godly living? • What are the early warning signs of trouble brewing? • What mistakes do the characters make? • What are the consequences of their failures? • If the characters remain faithful, what tips do they have for me? • What are the consequences of their faithfulness? 		
<p><u>Poetry</u> Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon</p>	<p><u>Major Prophets</u> Isaiah Ezekiel Jeremiah Daniel Lamentations <u>Minor Prophets</u> Hosea Nahum Joel Habakkuk Amos Zephaniah Obadiah Haggai Jonah Zachariah Micah Malachi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What names of god are used? • What are God's character traits (attributes)? • Does the passage describe any aspect of God's emotions or other personality traits? • What are God's motivations or objectives? • What is God's attitude toward mankind? • How does God describe Himself? • What does God want us to do? • Look for God's reasons for His actions in judging, rescuing, saving, etc. 	
<p><u>Gospels</u> Matthew Mark Luke John</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is Jesus: Divinity/Humanity • What kind of a man was Jesus? His emotions & personality traits. • How did Jesus treat children, women, and men? • How did He handle religious leaders? • How did He interact with Gentiles, sinners, tax collectors, etc? 		
<p><u>Paul's Epistles</u> Acts Colossians Romans 1 Thes 1 Cor 2 Thes 2 Cor 1 Timothy Galatians 2 Timothy Ephesians Titus Philippians Philemon <u>General Epistles</u> Hebrews 1,2,3 John James Jude 1 & 2 Peter Revelation</p>	<p><u>How does the passage describe unsaved mankind?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the different words used for sin or the power of sin? • How does it describe the relationship the unsaved person and God have? • What is the consequence of sin for the unsaved? 	<p><u>How does the passage describe saved mankind?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are different words used to describe believers? • How does it describe the relationship the saved person and God have? • What are the consequences of being saved? 	

Seven Purposes to Read Your Bible

REASONS	SCRIPTURE	NOTES
1. Read the bible to avoid <u>sin</u> .	Psalms 119:9-16	In my heart I store up your Word.
2. Read the bible to get <u>help</u> in times of need.	Psalms 119:25-28	Get answers, hope and strength from God's precepts and Word.
3. Read the bible because you should <u>love</u> it.	Psalms 119:47-48	I will find delight in the Word, which I love. (Want to do the right thing, sanctification.)
4. Read the Bible to assist our <u>conscience</u> .	Hebrews 4:12	Meditate God's Word, it is alive and active 1. Read as if it is written to you or pray it. 2. What is the opposite of the passage. 3. Ability to say NO to the Enemy and flesh.
5. Read the Bible to get <u>equipped</u> for good works.	2 Timothy 3:16	For teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness. Equip you for works that please God.
6. Read the Bible to be <u>encouraged</u> .	Psalms 119:9-16	We have hope after reading about the Bible characters who messed up and still were blessed by God. Examples for us: Abraham, Jacob, David, Solomon.
7. Read the bible to <u>grow</u> .	Acts 20:32	To build me up, not to tear me down.