

Reading Your Bible: The Who, Why, How, When, Where, and What

01 - Who Is The Bible About?

The Bible is all about God and His plan of redemption through Jesus Christ. From Genesis to Revelation, Scripture reveals:

- God's character
- God's promises
- God's truth
- God's instructions
- Jesus Christ as Savior and King

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." — John 1:1 (ESV)

The Bible was written by men inspired by the Holy Spirit.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God." — 2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)
The Bible is not just another book. It is the living Word of God.

02- Why Should We Read The Bible?

We read the Bible to know God. The Word teaches us:

- Truth
- Wisdom
- Correction
- Direction
- God's character
- How to live as believers

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." — Psalm 119:105 (ESV)

Reading Scripture helps renew our minds and strengthens our relationship with God. The Bible protects us from deception and helps us recognize truth from lies. Jesus Himself used Scripture to fight temptation.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." — Matthew 4:4 (ESV)

03- How Do We Read The Bible?

Read slowly and intentionally.

Do not just read to finish chapters. Read to understand and encounter God.

Helpful ways to read:

- Pray before reading
- Read with humility
- Highlight verses
- Take notes
- Study context
- Ask questions
- Meditate on Scripture
- Apply what you learn

Questions to ask while reading:

- What does this teach me about God?
- What does this teach me about people?
- Is there something I need to obey?
- Is there a warning to listen to?
- Is there a promise to hold onto?

The Holy Spirit (who lives in us when we become children of God) helps believers understand Scripture.

04 - When Should We Read The Bible?

Daily.

Just like our bodies need food, our spirits need the Word of God.

"Give us this day our daily bread." — Matthew 6:11 (ESV)

Spend time in the Word:

- In the morning
- Before bed
- During breaks
- With your family
- During devotion time
- Anytime you can make room for God

Consistency matters more than perfection.

Even a few focused minutes in the Word can strengthen your spirit.

05- Where Should We Read The Bible?

Anywhere.

It is important to create intentional space where you can focus on hearing from God without distractions.

06 - What Should We Read?

A great place for new believers to start is:

- John
- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- Acts
- Romans
- Psalms
- Proverbs

The Gospels teach us about Jesus.

Acts teaches us about the early church and the Holy Spirit.

Romans teaches foundational doctrine.

Psalms teaches prayer and worship.

Proverbs teaches wisdom.

Eventually, believers should study the entire Bible because every part of Scripture is important.

The Bible is one of the greatest gifts God has given us. The more time you spend in the Word, the more your mind, heart, and life begin to change. God speaks through His Word. Stay hungry for Scripture. Stay teachable. Stay rooted in truth. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." — Colossians 3:16 (ESV)