

Bible Reading Questions to Ask

Passage:

Investigation: What does the text say?

Interpretation: What does the text mean?

Implications: How should I apply the passage?

What does this text teach me about God? (e.g., His attributes and activity)

What does this text teach me about Christ? (e.g., Does it speak directly of Christ? Does it show me my need for Christ? Does it predict Christ? Does it show a type of Christ?)

What does this text teach me about myself? (e.g., My nature; my identity in Christ; my need for Christ)

What does this text teach me about a particular doctrine?

What immediate things should I go do now?

Are there examples to follow in this text?

Are there commands to keep in this text?

Are there errors to avoid in this text?

Are there sins to forsake and confess in this text?

Are there gospel promises to claim in this text?

Are there new thoughts about God or doctrines to further explore in this text?

Are there convictions to be lived by in this text?



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RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Study Bible

Having a single resource to help you understand the historical, cultural, and theological background of a passage or entire book of the Bible can be a great aid in reading the Bible for understanding and life change. Here are the two we recommend.

ESV Study Bible - most recent translation and scholarship, addressing historical and background information, theological insights and connections to help with interpreting the passage, along with hundreds of excellent articles and introductions for each book and theological theme in the Bible.

ESV Gospel Transformation Bible - most recent translation and scholarship, with a particular angle of personal and spiritual growth in applying the text to your life.

Aides

There are times where having more specific resources for any particular book or passage are helpful. There is always a tendency too of having too much information to wade through, but we have found these resources most helpful.

How to Read the Bible Book by Book

How to Read the Bible Through the Jesus Lens

Commentaries: Bible Speaks Today series

Groups

Show up to Gathered Worship on Sundays - hear the Word preached together.

Get into a group of people who make reading, studying, and applying the Bible a priority. We have small groups at Christ Presbyterian Church that will be doing this. Email us at info@cpcmansfield.org to find out how to plug in.

Connect with us on social media, share your thoughts and questions about what you are reading, use hashtag #grow2015 so we can enter in and engage with you.



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