



## Practical Suggestions

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes and heart to receive all that God has for you in His Word.
- Set a time and place for regular Bible study.
- Find a guide or make a plan for studying your Bible.
- Share what you are learning with someone else.
- Study the sermon text from your pastor's sermon or your LifeGroup lesson each week.
- Quality and quantity matter. Take time to read a lot of scripture. Make time to dig deep into smaller sections of scripture.
- Memorize verses.
- Read books about the Bible.
- Keep a notebook or computer file to record what you learn as you study.
- Never be ashamed to ask questions about what you are learning. No one has all of the answers.



## Resources

### Book Resources

*How to Read the Bible Book-by-Book* by Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart

*How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* by Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart

*40 Questions about Interpreting the Bible* by Robert L. Plummer

### Online Resources

Biblegateway.com  
Blueletterbible.org  
Bible Memorization Methods  
Fighter Verses  
The Gospel Coalition

### Recommended Bibles

*ESV Study Bible*  
*HCSB Study Bible*



## Studying the Bible

From the very beginning, God has worked through His Word to create, communicate, repair and heal. He continues to work through His Word today to bring people to himself. The Bible is a perfect collection of Gods Word that reveals His creation, man's sinful rebellion, and God's work of redemption. Studying the Bible is valuable because it shows us God's heart and God's plan for the world.



1. Explore



2. Examine



3. Engage



4. Execute

## 1. Explore

- Who wrote it?
- To whom was it written?
- When was it written?
- Why was it written?

## 2. Examine

- What did the author intend for the original audience?
- Why was this important for the original audience?
- What is the timeless truth?

## 3. Engage

- What are the implications of this passage?
- How does this fit within the broader picture of scripture?
- How does this speak to me?
- How does this speak against me?

## 4. Execute

- So, what do I do now?
- What should I stop doing?
- What should I start doing?
- Who should I share this with?