
Explore the Bible

Explore different approaches to the Scripture and develop a rhythm for reading the Bible.



Welcome to this Toolkit

The Bible is a collection of ancient Hebrew and Greek texts that tell God's story of creation, fall, redemption, and renewal. Through the Bible, God reveals His personality and character to you so that you can deepen your relationship with Him as you come to know Him and His love for you even better!

Every person approaches Scripture differently. You may find that for a season you are drawn to prayerful meditation on Scripture and at others you seek deeper knowledge through study. Some read small amounts regularly, others read large chunks infrequently. The tools below are there to help you read Scripture for yourself, get a sense of how you best interact with the Bible, and ultimately meet with God in His life-giving word!

Action Steps

Step 1. Learn about different ways to read the Bible and put it into practice

Resources

- i. Gordon D Fee & Douglas Stuart, *How to Read the Bible For All Its Worth* Book:
<https://www.bookdepository.com/How-Read-Bible-for-All-Its-Worth-Gordon-D-Fee/9780310517825?ref=grid-view&qid=1612679573181&sr=1-1>
- ii. BibleProject: How to Read the Bible Introductory Series:
<https://bibleproject.com/explore/how-to-read-the-bible>

Step 2. Get started on a daily reading plan

Resources

- i. Bible in One Year App + Website:
<https://bibleinoneyear.org>
- ii. ReadScripture App:
<https://www.readscripture.org>
+ Podcast:
<https://www.allyoucanbooks.com/podcast/crazy-love-podcast>
- iii. Printable reading plans. There are many different ones available. Here is one example:
<https://biblestudytogether.com/top-best-bible-reading-plans/>
- iv. Youversion App:
<https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app/>

Step 3. Develop a rhythm of regular prayerful reading

Resources

- i. Lectio 365 App:

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<https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>

Step 4. Join the annual ONE Campaign - A 40 Day Gospel Reading Plan

Resources

- i. ONE Hearing the Word Website, for information:
<http://www.onehtw.com>
- ii. ONE Hearing the Word App:
<http://www.onehtw.com/index.php/one2021-reading-plan/>

Step 5. Study the Bible with a group or another person

Resources

Here are some of the Vine's previous Sermon Series on specific books. You can watch the talks either together or individually, and you can come together for discussions using the small group study guide.

- i. Proverbs Sermon Series:
<https://vinechurch.life/sermons?category=proverbs>
- ii. Genealogy of Jesus Sermon Series:
<https://vinechurch.life/sermons?category=genealogy%20of%20jesus>
- iii. **Story of Jesus:** A 25-session teaching series, based on the gospel of Luke:
<https://vimeo.com/showcase/5002949> *(Please note: only the talks are available.)*

Going Deeper

1. Understand the overview of the Biblical timeline

Understanding the Biblical timeline will help you interpret the passages that you are reading, in relation to its historical and cultural context.

Resources

- i. Biblical Timeline overview, pdf download here:
<https://vinechurch.life/s/Biblical-Timeline-overview.pdf>

2. Do a deeper study of a whole book of the Bible

Resources

- i. Bibleproject (ENG):

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<https://www.youtube.com/user/jointhebibleproject>

ii. Bibleproject (CANTO):

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoq4W0bLI28a17qPtZ5x1pQ>

iii. Bibleproject Podcast:

<https://bibleproject.com/podcasts/the-bible-project-podcast/>

iv. Gordon D Fee & Douglas Stuart, *How to Read the Bible Book by Book*:

<https://www.bookdepository.com/How-Read-Bible-Book-by-Book-Gordon-D-Fee/9780310518082?ref=grid-view&qid=1612746099768&sr=1-2>

v. Naked Bible Podcast :

<https://nakedbiblepodcast.com/>

vi. WordGo App:

<https://wordgo.org/>

3. Join an Inductive Bible Study Community Group

Resources

i. Check on the Community Groups page for groups with this focus:

<https://vinechurch.life/community/community-groups>