

How to Study God's Word

We read God's Word:

- Prayerfully
- Repeatedly
- Patiently
- Meditatively
- Purposefully

Helpful tools:

- A printed copy of the text
- Colored pencils or highlighters
- A dictionary
- A list of God's attributes
- PRAYER

Questions to ask of the text :

- Who wrote it?
- To whom was it written?
- When was it written?
- Why was it written?
- What genre was it written in?
- How does this passage fit into the overarching story of the Bible?
 - Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration

Things to see:

- Emphasized
- Repeated
- Lists
- Comparison and Contrast
- Commands and Warnings
- Grammar
- Questions you have about the text

Questions to ask God and ask yourself:

- What do I learn about God's character?
- What do I learn about myself in view of who God is?
- Is there a sin to confess? How do I need to repent or change?
- Is there a truth I need to believe?
- Is there a promise from God to hold onto?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a verse to memorize or pray?

Questions to ask others:

- How are you going to apply this passage to your life this week and how can I hold you accountable?
- How can I pray for you this week as you apply this passage to your life?

Attributes of God

God is infinite - He was created by nothing and has always existed forever. He has no limits.

God is immutable - He never changes.

God is self-sufficient - He has no needs.

God is omnipotent - He is all powerful.

God is omniscient - He is all knowing.

God is omnipresent - He is everywhere, all of the time.

God is wise - He is full of perfect, unchanging wisdom.

God is faithful - He is always true to every one of His promises.

God is good - He is the origin of all good. He is infinitely, immutably, and unchangingly good.

God is just – He is infinitely, unchangeably right and perfect in all he does.

God is merciful – He is infinitely, unchangeably compassionate and kind. He fully demonstrates His mercy in Jesus Christ.

God is gracious – God chooses to bless us rather than curse us as our sin deserves.

God is loving – God infinitely, unchangingly loves us.

God is Holy – He is perfect in every way, and perfectly good all the time. He is the source and standard of absolute goodness.

God is glorious – He is infinitely beautiful and great.

God is transcendent - He is above, completely other than and independent of creation.

God is jealous - He is possessive of the worship and service that belong to Him.

God is incomprehensible - He is personal and knowable, but we will never understand him exhaustively.

God is self-existent - He is the source of all things, the One who originated everything and who sustains everything that exists.

God is long suffering - He is patient with sinners.

God is eternal - He is everlasting with no beginning or end.

God is sovereign - He is in control. He governs all things and is over all things.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

LAW

GENESIS
EXODUS
LEVITICUS
NUMBERS
DEUTERONOMY

PENTATEUCH

HISTORICAL

JOSHUA
JUDGES
RUTH
1 SAMUEL
2 SAMUEL
1 KINGS
2 KINGS
1 CHRONICLES
2 CHRONICLES
EZRA
NEHEMIAH
ESTHER

WISDOM AND POETRY

JOB
PSALMS
PROVERBS
ECCLESIASTES
SONG OF SOLOMON

PROPHECY

ISAIAH
JEREMIAH
LAMENTATIONS
EZEKIEL
DANIEL

MAJOR PROPHETS

HOSEA
JOEL
AMOS
OBADIAH
JONAH
MICAH
NAHUM
HABAKKUK
ZEPHANIAH
HAGGAI
ZECHARIAH
MALACHI

MINOR PROPHETS

GOSPELS

MATTHEW
MARK
LUKE
JOHN

HISTORICAL

ACTS

PAUL'S EPISTLES

ROMANS
1 CORINTHIANS
2 CORINTHIANS
GALATIANS
EPHESIANS
PHILIPPIANS
COLOSSIANS
1 THESSALONIANS
2 THESSALONIANS
1 TIMOTHY
2 TIMOTHY

TITUS
PHILEMON

GENERAL EPISTLES

HEBREWS
JAMES
1 PETER
2 PETER
1 JOHN
2 JOHN
3 JOHN
JUDE

APOCALYPTIC

REVELATION

Additional Discipleship Tool

Authentic in Relationship : Is there anything we need to know?

Consistent in the Word : What is God teaching you as you study His word?

Effective in Prayer : How can we pray for you?

Transformed in Character : How can we hold you accountable?