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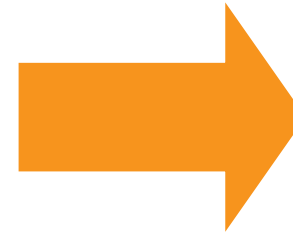


# Transformed by the Word

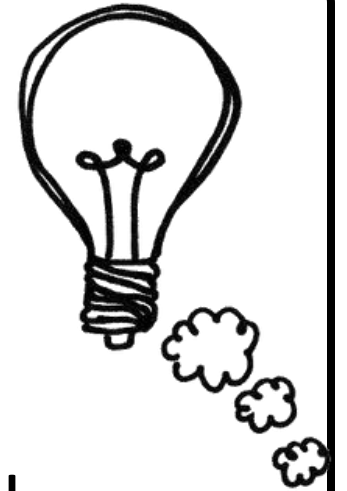


## READ

- Read several times, look for the details
- Note verses or phrases that stand out to you
- Work to understand meaning and background



## MEDITATE

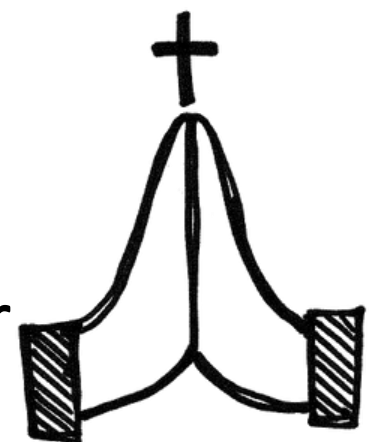


- Think about the reading and connect it to your life
- Imagine being present to hear the passage or witness the story



## PRAY

- Talk with God in prayer about the passage
- Thank God for His Word
- Ask Him to lead you to deeper understanding



## OBSERVE

- Quiet expression of love between you & God
- Note what God is trying to teach you through the passage & a time of prayer



# HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE BOOKMARK & PDF HANDOUT VIA SIGNAL

**TRANSFORMED BY  
THE LIVING WORD**



**READ**

**Read several times,  
be attentive to detail**

**MEDITATE**

**Think about as guided  
by the Holy Spirit**

**PRAY**

**Talk with God**

**OBSERVE**

**Wordless, quiet  
expression of love**

***"In the sacred books, the  
Father who is in heaven  
comes lovingly to meet his  
children, and talks with  
them."***

**How to  
Study  
the Bible**



## **Your Guide to Understanding the Bible**

The five steps in this guide will help you learn how to read and understand the Bible more so you can grow closer to God.

### **1. Find a translation you understand**

The Bible was written in three ancient languages. Each translation into modern languages represents years of work to help you process the Bible in a way that makes sense.

- [Choosing a Translation](#)—Learn more with this video from The Bible Project. We use the NLT for readability on Sundays but its a personal choice as to what works best for you.
- [Get the Bible App](#)—Access more than 2,400 Bible versions in over 1,600 languages wherever you are

### **2. Pick a time and a place**

Are you a morning person or night owl? Do you like quiet places or bustling coffee shops? Do you learn by watching, listening, or reading? Do you sometimes read paper and other times digital?

Once you decide on a routine that works for you, start one of these Bible Plans or consider a paper Study Bible.

- [The Bible: Explained](#)—A seven-day Bible Plan that's great for reading with friends.
- [Consider a Study Bible](#)—If you prefer paper, or need a technology break, find a paper study Bible.
- [How to Read the Bible](#)—This 19-day Plan by BibleProject will introduce you to the Bible's unified story.

### **3. Uncover the context- its the key!**

Think like a detective and discover the story behind the story. The Bible is a collection of 66 different books, written in three languages, across three continents, over a 1,500-year period by 40 different authors. Use tools like these to learn who the text was written to, when, where, and why.

- [Download Bible Project's App](#)—Through videos, podcasts, and articles, you'll experience the Bible as one unified story that leads to Jesus.



# Kingdom Come: Exploring the Heart of the New Testament

Tuesday Nights  
begins 29<sup>th</sup> July  
at 6pm



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*“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God<sup>[a]</sup> may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

2 Tim 3:16-17

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*“Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God’s way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us..”*

2 Tim 3:16-17

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## AoG Statement of Faith

*“We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, the infallible, all sufficient rule for faith and practice.”*

**THE BIBLE DOESN'T NEED TO BE REWRITTEN –  
IT NEEDS TO RE-READ!**

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GOD'S WORD COMES TO US IN SEVERAL FORMS  
NOT JUST THE WRITTEN WORD:

## 1. GOD'S DECREES: HIS AUTHORITATIVE COMMANDS

- Genesis 1:3 *"Let there be light"*
- Psalm 33:6 *"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made."*

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** These decrees demonstrate God's sovereign power to bring His will, create and sustain the universe through spoken word.

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## 2. GOD'S WORDS OF PERSONAL ADDRESS:

These are instances where God speaks directly to individuals, providing guidance, commands, revelations, direction.

- **Genesis 2:16-17:** *"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'You may surely eat of every tree of the garden...'"*
- **Exodus 3:14:** *"God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.'"*

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** These personal addresses highlight God's relational nature and His desire to communicate directly with His creation.

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## 3. GOD'S WORDS SPOKEN THROUGH HUMAN LIPS:

Prophets and other individuals speak God's words: Moses, Samuel, and Jeremiah, conveying God's message to the people.

- **Exodus 4:12:** *"Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."*
- **Jeremiah 1:9:** *"Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, 'Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.'"*

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** God can use human vessels to communicate His divine message, ensuring that His word is faithfully delivered.

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## 4. GOD'S WORDS SPOKEN THROUGH JESUS:

Jesus is referred to as "the Word," revealing God to humanity.

- *John 1:1: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."*
- *John 1:14: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."*
- *Revelation 19:13: "He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God."*

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** These passages affirm that Jesus is the ultimate revelation of God, embodying God's message to humanity.

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**THE CANON OF SCRIPTURE** - The term "canon" comes from the Greek word "kanon," meaning "rule" or "measuring stick"

- The "canon" or collection of Scripture is the recognised books of Scripture (recognised, ***NOT INVENTED*** by the church)
- **Up to 400 AD** various official gatherings of church leaders (councils) from all over the Christian world meeting to discuss various issues of teaching and church practice and make binding decisions for the church at large.
- The councils were made up of Christians from throughout the Roman Empire and then further abroad.
- The councils followed principles to determine whether a New Testament book was truly inspired by the Holy Spirit:

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**Principles the Councils used to determine whether a New Testament book was truly inspired by the Holy Spirit:**

- 1) Was the author an apostle or have a close connection with an apostle?
- 2) Is the book being accepted by the body of Christ at large?
- 3) Did the book contain consistency of doctrine and orthodox teaching?
- 4) Did the book bear evidence of high moral and spiritual values that would reflect a work of the Holy Spirit?

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VIDEO CLIP 4 MINS (GOTQUESTIONS.ORG)

<https://bit.ly/44IOI62>



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## CONCLUSION: YOUR NEXT STEP?

- Download a Bible App (Youversion)
- Start a new reading plan – OT, NT, Joshua is next series
- Watch/Listen/Read lunchtimes instead of scrolling social media
- Look at a plan with your family devotions – men lead the way in your home (family devotions on RightNow Media)
- Book a night where you watch a bible related series at home

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**Why Trust the Bible? AMY ORR-EWING**

Right Now Media, Free Study Guide

**6 Sessions an average of 10 minutes**

Six common questions about the Bible that can cause Christians to doubt and seekers to reject the faith before they encounter Jesus.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/918111>

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## The Bible Series – Small group video resource

Increase your understanding of the Bible and discover its relevance to us today as you study key biblical themes in your small group.

Get started



## Explore The Bible Course

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course>

A seven-session video series for individuals and small groups focusing on key bible themes where you can discover how Bible characters, stories, and themes are connected, from Genesis to Revelation.

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