



BEGINNER BIBLE READING PLAN

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INTRODUCTION TO READING THE BIBLE

It can be hard to begin reading the Bible, and many reading plans can be complex or intense for someone just getting started.

At Core Christianity, we wanted to create a Bible reading plan that could 1) help someone new to the Bible cultivate a joy for reading the Bible or 2) help someone who may have lost that joy to find it again.

This plan will take you about 10 minutes per day to complete and lasts for one year. Through it, you will be introduced to the big narrative and grand themes of the Bible. This plan won't take you through the *entire* Bible in a year, but it will help you develop a sustainable habit of reading the Bible for one whole year. Our prayer is that this new habit will carry on through the years so that, over time, you will grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

EXPLANATION OF TESTAMENTS, BOOKS, CHAPTERS, AND VERSES

If you are new to the Bible, its organization can be confusing. The Bible is a unique book, made up of 66 individual books. Thirty-nine of those books are in a collection called the Old Testament. The Old Testament books were written before the life of Jesus. They anticipate his life and contain history, poems, and prophecy. The New Testament contains 27 books that include four accounts of the life of Jesus, as well as the history of the early church and letters written to the early church by the apostles.

Each book is divided into chapters, and each chapter contains a number of verses. For example, in the book of Genesis, chapter 1 contains 31 verses. We can use this to refer to specific portions of the Bible. Say I wanted to tell my friend I was puzzled by the opening of Genesis, I could refer to the specific verse by telling her I had a question about Genesis 1:2. This would mean I had a question about chapter 1, verse 2 in the book of Genesis. If the portion was longer, I could write Genesis 1:2–5. This would mean I had a question about Genesis chapter 1, verses 2 through 5.

In our reading plan, we list the book, chapter, and set of verses for the day. If this is new to you, you will get a lot of practice finding the specific section in the Bible to read. After a while this becomes natural.

READING THE BIBLE PRAYERFULLY

Because the Bible is deep and complex, it's often a book that people study, learning the history, theology, cultural setting, and literary genre. A person can read the Bible this way without believing it to be true. For example, it can be studied as religious literature in a university. But as Christians, we want to have a relationship with God through our reading of the Bible. This requires a prayerful approach. Thus, it's good to begin and end each reading for the day with prayer.

Before reading the Bible, pray that God would open your heart to receive what Scripture teaches, to enjoy his presence while reading, and to gain insight and understanding into his mercy and grace. After your reading, pray that God would help you to ponder, understand, and apply what you are learning.

GENERAL GUIDANCE IN READING THE BIBLE

It's better to read a little every day than to read a lot only occasionally. This plan is designed to help you develop a habit of reading without requiring a large time commitment.

When you come across a passage you don't understand, don't worry and don't stop! Sometimes you will understand as you keep reading. Other times you may walk away with more questions than answers. That's okay. There are difficult and complex passages in the Bible that are hard to understand. You don't need to understand everything the first time. Like a piece of great literature, the Bible has layers of complexity that can be read and reread, each time leading to new insights and understanding. As you become a more experienced Bible reader, you will continue to grow in your understanding.



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