

How to Study the Bible

Going Deeper Into God's Word

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Psalm 119:105 NIV

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:26 NIV

Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character ... for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Acts 17:11 NIV

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked ... but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on His law day and night.

Psalm 1:1-2 NIV

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Psalm 119:18 NIV

5 More Ways to Go Deeper In Bible Study

1. Use the SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) Method.
2. Memorize scripture that feels relevant in your current season.
3. Find more ways to feed yourself Scripture through Bible-based podcasts, an audio Bible, etc.
4. Journal your journey.
5. Don't be afraid to ask God questions and seek clarification.

Start talking. *Find a conversation starter for your group.*

- Have you ever felt stuck or confused when learning something new? How did you overcome it?

Start thinking. *Ask a question to get your group thinking.*

- Read **John 14:26**. When you read the Bible, do you feel like the Holy Spirit reveals new things to you? Why or why not?
- When something in the Bible is unclear or confusing, what steps do you take to discover its true meaning?

Start sharing. *Choose a question to create openness.*

- In **Acts 17:11**, the Bereans examined the truth before believing. Do you test what you hear from the pulpit against God's Word and the Holy Spirit, or simply accept it?
- Have you ever seen something online where the Holy Spirit prompted you to dig deeper before accepting it as God's truth?

Start praying. *Be bold and pray with power.*

God, thank You for Your Word. Please teach us to read it with open hearts and minds, and to not let confusion or stubbornness get in the way of discovering more of Your Truth. Please grant us wisdom, discernment and a hunger to go deeper. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. *Commit to a step and live it out this week.*

- Check out this five-step guide to reading and understanding the Bible at www.life.church/biblestudy
- Start the Bible Plan, *The Bible: Explained* using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/thebible
- Consider how you could love others by serving and ask God to guide you to the right ministry.