



# BIBLE READING TIPS

## **Use a "Study Bible" that's fun to read and easy to understand!**

Recommended Study Bibles:

NLT Study Bible, Life Application Study Bible, ESV Study Bible

Recommended Translations:

New Living (NLT), New International (NIV), English Standard (ESV), The Voice (Voice)

## **Relax and enjoy!**

Read the Bible like you're reading a book on the beach. Take your time and soak it in!

## **Read to discover!**

The Bible is a compilation of treasures that can change your life forever! Explore away!

## **Start your journey with Jesus!**

The entire story of the Bible leads us to Jesus! Therefore, a great way to begin your Bible reading adventure is by exploring the life and teachings of Jesus. These can be found in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John.

## **Read books from start to finish!**

Books are best understood when read from the beginning. Start each book with the first chapter. A great goal is to read 3 chapters at a time (i.e. chapters 1-3, 4-6, etc.).

## **Take a highlighter to your Bible (seriously; it's okay!)**

Highlight things that stand out to you or seem important. You'll remember what you read and have fun doing it! You can even highlight in your favorite color!

## **Put the puzzle together!**

Search for words, phrases, or themes that connect with one another. Underline them or take notes! It's like collecting a bunch of clues in a mystery!

## **Use your tools!**

Study Bibles come equipped with an excellent toolbox of resources. Take advantage of great tools such as the: Index (beginning of Bible) to locate different books, Commentary Notes (page bottoms or sides) to get historical or practical information, Charts and Maps to visualize what you are reading, and the Dictionary/Concordance (end of Bible) to search the Bible by key word or topic.

## **Get to know God!**

The Bible reveals secrets about who God is and what He wants. As you read, reflect on what is being said about the nature of God. A greater understanding of God will guide you into a deeper relationship with Him.

## **Live what you learn!**

Dwell on truths or principles that you read and apply them to your life. The Bible is a gold mine of relevant teachings and stories that can transform the way that you live!