

New Beginnings

**Week 2: Reading the Bible and learning what God thinks
and understand how to pray and talk with God.**

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Purpose

- To learn power of salvation
- The power of the word
- Faith walk of new Christians

Central Questions

- What does the verse say?
- What does the verse mean?
- What does this verse mean to me?

Plan

- May 4: Reviewing your decision to follow Jesus and what it means
- May 11: Reading the Bible and learning what God thinks and understand how to pray and talk with God.
- May 18: Learning how to listen to God and hear his voice and seeing how we are called to worship and praise God.
- May 25: Learning how to share the good news of Jesus.

What it means to follow Jesus

Scriptures

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
- Hebrews 4:12, “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”
- James 1:22, “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”
- Psalms 18:30, “As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord’s word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him.”

Reading the Bible - Learning what God thinks

- Ask the following three questions:
- What does the verse say?
- What does the verse mean?
- What does this verse mean to me?

Scriptures

- John 14:6, “Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
- Ephesians 2:8-9, For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.
- Romans 10:9, “If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- Acts 2:21, “And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’
- 2 Peter 3:9, “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

Reading the Bible - Learning what God thinks

Many new believers wonder how they can know what God wants them to do. God reveals Himself to us through His Word, the Holy Bible. He also shapes our hearts and lives through His Word. Learn to rest in it and find truth. Spending time in the Bible is transforming and it slowly brings you closer to God.

The Bible is God's true word - "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

The Word of God is a living and active word that we can interact with - "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

The Power of the word

- The holy bible is God's inspired word, that is the standard for testing everything else that claims to be true
- The bible safeguards us from false teaching.
- God wants to show you the truth and equip you to live.
- The bible assist believers in discerning good and evil within us.



Thank You, God Bless You!