

SCRIPTURE

PERSONAL STUDY | READING THROUGH THE BIBLE
MEMORIZATION

Without the Bible, we would be walking around aimlessly trying to figure out what it really looks like to follow Jesus, and relying completely on the Holy Spirit to show us everything, regardless of how easily our flesh always seems to get in the way of us hearing Him clearly. Luckily, we don't have to worry about that, because we have Scripture to clearly illustrate the heart of God to us.

The beauty of the Bible is that much of it is inherently obvious to us as people made in the image of God, yet at the same time, much of it is so incredibly deep that a lifetime of study would still leave us with questions. It's because of this reality that our interaction with the Bible needs to be a healthy mix of getting in the Word daily, as well as diving deeply into the text.

Your relationship with the Bible needs to be continual and ongoing as a way to reset daily, and be constantly moving forward with God.

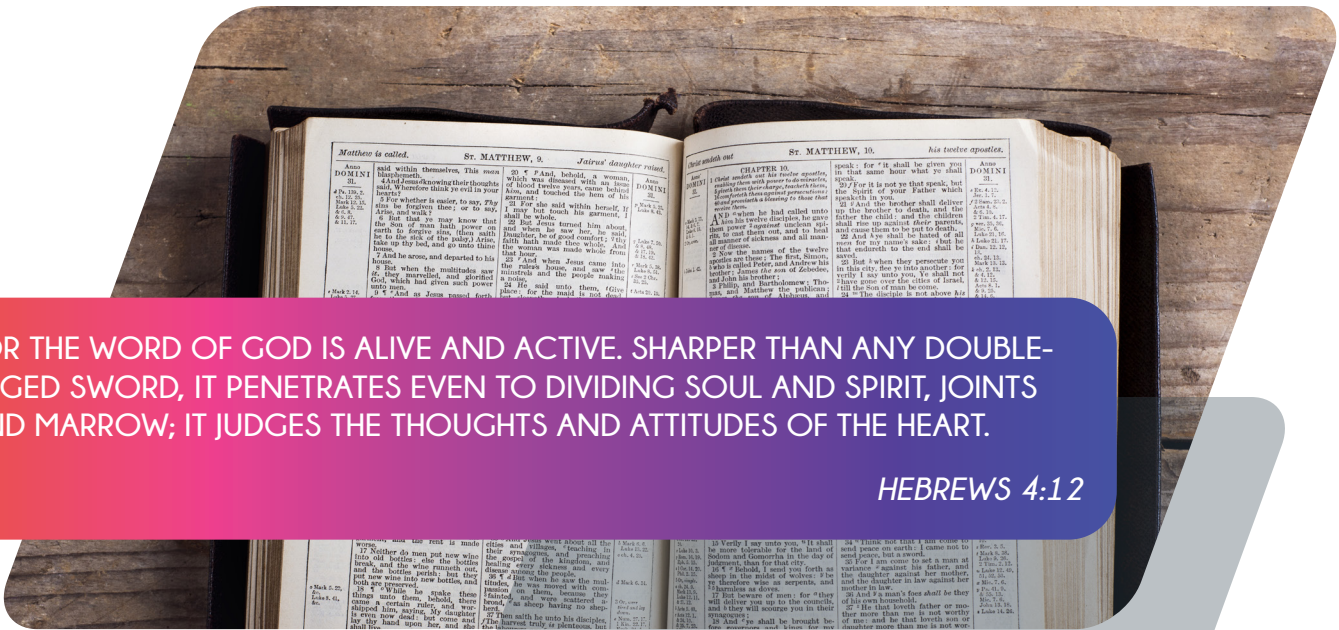
Consistency is key. Take time every day and learn to read the Bible, not for the amount of words read, but for the amount of Biblical truths taken deep in your heart and applied to your life. If that means that a single verse each day changes your life, read one verse. If a chapter or a book a day is what you need, do that! Work with your discipler to find a plan that works with your current season of life, and be consistent.

Beyond the daily revelation, as a Christian it's important to work to get the Bible deep into your heart. If you have never read through the whole Bible, you should strongly consider building a plan to ingest the whole of Scripture, and also invest time in memorizing specific Scriptures so it's inside of you when you need it most.

Don't take the Bible for granted, use it as a spring-board to KNOW who God is, and what He requires of you as His follower.

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HEBREWS 4:12



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1

What version of the Bible are you using right now? Would you get something more out of switching around to other versions for a season?

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What part of the Bible are you studying right now? What are you learning from it? How are you changing your life based on what you're reading?

3

Would you say you spend more time in the Old Testament or the New Testament? Would it help you to take some time studying in a different place?

4

Does most of your time in the Bible consist of reading through it, or deeply studying it?

5

Do you feel like you know how to study the Bible? Do you need help learning how to truly study the meaning of verses you come across?

6

How many times have you read through the Bible? If you haven't yet, what is your plan to read through the whole Bible?

7

Are you on a Bible reading plan? Is that plan working for you, or would it be better to shift to another plan?

8

How many Bible verses do you have memorized? What is your process for memorizing Scripture?

QUESTIONS TO ASK IN DISCIPLESHIP

RESOURCE	AUTHOR / CREATOR	TYPE
bibleproject.com	The Bible Project	Website
Living by the Book	William D. Hendricks	Book
Systematic Theology	Wayne Grudem	Book
Knowing Scripture	R.C. Sproul	Book
Mere Christianity	C.S. Lewis	Book
How to Study the Bible for Yourself	Tim LaHaye	Book
30 Days to Understanding the Bible	Max Anders	Book
Old Testament Survey	House and Mitchel	Book
The New Testament: Its Background and Message	Lea and Black	Book
The Bible and Moral Choices	Scott Rae	Book

DIGGING DEEPER