

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Ellerslie
Discipleship
Curriculum

The Bible is a collection of a variety of genres of literature, written over the course of thousands of years of human history by around 40 different authors. It contains history, narrative, poetry, law, and personal letters. It is a library with 66 different books, 2 sections (called “Testaments”) with one message; that God, through Jesus, wants to draw us all into his life and love. Unlike most books, we don’t read the Bible simply for information or entertainment, but for personal transformation. One way to think about how you read the bible is R.E.A.P. (Read, Explore, Apply, Pray). This is a great tool for personal bible reading, and for your triad or small groups

Read: Pick a place to start, you can follow along by reading through the sermon passages, pick up a reading plan from the info center, Find a reading plan on the bible app, or check out some of our recommended plans at erbc.ca/biblereading. Once you’ve picked a passage, pray for God’s guidance and wisdom and begin reading. Focus on what stands out to you, highlight or underline key phrases and other areas that resonate with you. **Explore** Spend some time processing what you have just read. Keeping a journal or notepad can be extremely helpful as you dig deeper into the bible. Write down any questions you may have and any key observations or verses that stood out to you. **Apply** After you have read and made observations of the passage you can begin processing how it might apply to your life. **Pray** Pray about the passage and your application. Ask God to change your heart and mind to be more like his, and to shape you through you’re reading and reflection

ADDITIONAL PASSAGES AND RESOURCES

- 2 Timothy 3:16
- [How to Read the Bible series](#)
- How to read the bible for all it’s worth by Gordon Fee
- [How to read the bible for all it’s worth reading plan](#)
- [REAP Method \(Ellerslie Resource\)](#)

QUESTIONS

“It’s not about getting through the Bible, it’s about the Bible getting through you.”

**JOHN
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1. Take time as a group to work through 1 Corinthians 12 and use the R.E.A.P. Method
2. Do you have a time, Place, and plan for reading your bible?
3. How will you read the bible Differently after this session
4. How can your group hold each other accountable for bible reading?

TAKE TIME TO PRAY TOGETHER