

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

1. Get a Bible you can highlight and write in.

There are many translations of the Bible. Seek some guidance as to one that will be easy to understand. If you don't have a Bible and can't get one, we will get one for you.

2. Pray that you will grow closer to God through the study of his word.

There are scholars who have studied the Bible their entire lives and still do not know everything in it. God wants you to understand his book. Ask God to show the meaning behind the words.

3. Pick a passage and read it.

Not too long and not too short. The Bible is divided into books, chapters, and verses. Many Bibles are even divided into sections by story. Instead of trying to do entire chapter, try just picking one of these sections for your study. Your goal is not to just read a section of the Bible. The priority here is to learn something from the Bible that you can apply to your life. Some passages will be harder than others. Reread the passage and put yourself in the story. Ask yourself some questions:

- If you had been there, how would you feel?

- What would it sound like, look like, and smell like?
- What would you have done?

The story of Jesus is in the first four books of the New Testament; Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These four books would be a great place to start.

4. Ask yourself if there are some things you need to do or change based upon what you have just learned.
5. Pray and thank God for revealing himself through his word.

Other resources for Bible study.

www.Biblestudyguide.org

www.walkthru.org

www.Bible.org

www.Biblegateway.com

Also, we have an extensive collection of Bible commentaries and Dictionaries in our church library. They are there for your use.