

Bible Reading

BECOMING LIKE JESUS - Small Group Resource

God's word is alive and powerful, bringing God's truth and light into our lives (Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 119:105). Reading Scripture nurtures our spirits and transforms us, empowering us for holy living (John 17:13, Psalm 119:11). Yet many Christians struggle to read the Bible on a regular basis.

How are you doing with this? How are your small group members doing in immersing themselves in the word of God? Did you know that it only takes about 70 hours to read the whole Bible aloud?

One way to fuel Bible reading is to work through a Bible reading plan together as a small group. Bible reading plans can be focused on the entire Bible, the Bible in chronological order, a topical or themed study, or a specific book of the Bible.

Here are some resources to find a Bible reading plan that can bring Bible reading to life for your small group members:

- <https://www.ligonier.org/blog/bible-reading-plans/>
- <https://biblereadingplangenerator.com/>
- <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans-collection/423>
- <https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/>
- <https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/biographical>
- <https://www.thebiblereadingplan.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2021-Bible-Reading-Plan.pdf>
- <https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app/>

Additional Leader Resources

- “Daily Habits – Bible Reading,” TrainedUp.



Small Group Dialogue

- What is your favourite book of the New Testament? Old Testament? Why?
- What book is challenging for you to get through?
- Have you ever read the entire Bible?
- Have you read or listened to the Bible this week?
- How often/how long do you spend in God's word?
Are you consistent in reading it?
- What are some of the hinderances that keep you from spending time in God's word?
- How has reading the Bible made a difference in your day/week/life?
- What does a reading 'dry-spell' look like to you?
- What do you do to make the most of your reading?
- When is the last time you have read through an entire book of the Bible?
- What Scripture have you tried to memorize recently?
- How have you benefitted from developing a Bible reading habit?

If you choose to do a reading plan together, include discussion at your small group meetings about how the reading went and what challenged them or blessed them that week. Consider ways to celebrate reading milestones and how to encourage each other in this.