

# BIBLE STUDY

What is it? It is primarily the way God speaks to us. If we talk to Him through prayer, then He speaks to us through His word. The Bible is literally God's words to us and He desires us to know Him through it. Reading your Bible is not something you do to check off your religious list, but rather the primary way you get to know God.

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:14-17, ESV

## How do I study the Bible?

1. Have pastors, parents and teachers in your life that are \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible. There are godly and wise people who speak during our weekend services. Be sure to check out other credible pastors and Bible teachers (podcasts, books, etc.), as well as our RevStudies.
2. Approach the Bible as being \_\_\_\_\_ : it is very important we understand the Bible to be inspired by God and, therefore, it derives its authority from Him. We must come to the Bible with an understanding that we do not get to pick and choose what we want to believe and obey.
3. Start in a \_\_\_\_\_ : (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians) Paul wrote these as practical implications for the church and, therefore, they offer great insight on how to live in response to the Gospel. John's Gospel (understanding the person and work of Jesus) and 1 John (how to know for sure you are a Christian) both provide a solid beginning to your Bible study focus as well.
4. Read a \_\_\_\_\_ over and over: take a chapter and read it every day for a week. Ask God to open your eyes to the truth in the text and then read the section or chapter. Make notes you can refer to about what you think it is saying. The next day, ask God in prayer to open your eyes and then read the same section or chapter, and make notes again.

Please Understand:

- ◆ The Bible is not an end in itself but rather a means to an end. That end is Jesus Christ. He is the Authority and Lord over Scripture.
- ◆ We need our Bibles and should study them regularly because our Bibles will: point us to Christ, help us to know Him, and help us to become more like Him.