

Learning to Love to Read the Bible for Oneself

Some Tips:

- Try reading different translations to shake yourself out of familiarity.
- Try reading out loud to hear it being spoken to you.
- Try reading the lectionary readings for the day – they have assigned readings for every day, not just Sunday! You can easily find these online if you look up Revised Common Lectionary.
- Expect that God will speak to you through His Word, by the power of His Holy Spirit.
- Let the text take the lead (don't try to shove your opinion into what the text is about)

Fourfold Reading

Literal: plain reading, i.e., How would your kid explain it back to you? What happened?

Typological: how do the Old and New Testament connect, especially with stories of Jesus? How does this point to Jesus?

Moral: what's the moral of the story? What am I supposed to do?

Anagogical: what is to come (heaven, hell, last judgment, prophecies)? What is going to happen?

Lectio Divina

Read

Reflect

Respond

Rest

