



# How to Study the Bible

## Part 2: Mastering the Art of Studying the Bible

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### Key Scripture

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT*

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. James 1:22 NIV*

*Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering ... But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:4-5 NIV*

*If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 NIV*

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 NIV*

### Other Key Scriptures

John 1:1,14      1 Corinthians 8:1      Philemon 1:12-16, 18-19

### 5 Different Ways to Approach the Bible

- You can start with a book of the Bible.
- You can study a person in the Bible.
- You can study a topic in the Bible.
- You can do a daily devotional or Bible Plan.
- You can read through the whole Bible.

### Start Talking : Find a Conversation Starter for Your Group

- What was your favorite subject in school? What made it interesting or exciting to you?

### Start Thinking

- Which part of last week's message was most impactful for you and why? Is there anything you want to learn more about?
- Did you try a new approach to studying the Bible this week? How did it go?
- Read **2 Timothy 3:16-17**. The Bible is meant to transform us, not just inform us. How have you seen this transformation in your own life?

**Start Sharing**

- Talk about the barriers that make it difficult for you to spend time in God's Word. How can you help one another stay disciplined in reading the Bible this week?
- What are you most looking forward to as you plan how you'll study the Bible this week? Talk about any new ways you plan on approaching the Bible.

**Start Praying**

*Dear God, thank You for providing us with the Bible. When it's hard to understand, please provide us with understanding. And when it's hard to be consistent, please help us to keep pressing in. This week, would You help us know You better through reading the Bible? In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Start Doing**

- If you are not in a Life Transformation Group, this is your next step so you can read the Bible with others.
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend at Epic.