

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Summer Series: [You Asked For It](#)

Message: The Bible: How Should I Read, Study, and Apply It?

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Connect (25min)

*Form groups of 3-4 people to enhance your sharing.

1. Summer Psalms

Read [Psalm 19](#) and open your time together in prayer.

2. Blessings & Battles

Share a Blessing (High) and a Battle (Low) from this past week in your life.

3. All About Books

- What's a favorite book from your childhood? What could people find you reading as a kid?
- What genre of books do you enjoy now? In print or audiobook form.
- What's the last book you read (or listened to)? What's the next book you'd like to read (or listen to)?

Message Discussion (45min)

1. Word Up

- How old were you when you received your first Bible? Where/How did you receive it?
- What percentage of the Old Testament (39 books) have you read? Which is your favorite OT book?
What percentage of the New Testament (27 books) have you read? Which is your favorite NT book?
- Which form and translation of the Bible do you use the most?
*Print, Bible App, Audio Bible *NLT, NIV, ESV, KJV...
- Do you use Bible reading plans, and if so, what has been helpful for you?
- When (time of day) and where are you most likely to be found engaging your Bible?

2. Sunday Feedback

- What did you learn from Sunday's message? What encouraged you or challenged you?
- What is one thing you can apply to your life?

3. Scripture on Scripture

- What does the Bible say about itself? What verses can you think of that talk about the purpose of scripture?
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in Bible Study? ([John 14:26](#)) Have you experienced the Spirit teaching you through scripture? What was that experience like?
- How do you incorporate prayer into the process of reading scripture?


4. Considerations

- What is the most important factor to consider when studying the Bible?
- How do our expectations and approach to reading the Bible influence our experience with it?
- Why does context matter? How do you examine the context of what you're reading?
- Do you make space in your Bible reading time to let Jesus train, correct, prepare, and equip you?
([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#))

Application & Prayer (20min)

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1. Challenge

- a. Read  [Psalm 119](#) at home or on the road this week. (The longest chapter in the Bible)
- b. What is one step you can take to engage and understand your Bible more this summer?
What is the best time, location, and form of the Bible for you this summer?
- c. Who is one person that you can encourage and be encouraged by in Bible reading? (Accountability)
Who is one person that you could give a Bible to this summer?
> We have FREE Large Print NLT Bibles at Guest Services.

2. Read [Matthew 4:1-4](#) & [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)

In response to Sunday's Message and our discussion:

How can we pray for you and the people in your life who need to know Jesus?

3. Continue to Pray for our 2024 Prayer Goals.



Resources

Alpha Film Series - [Why and How Should I Read The Bible?](#)

The Bible Project - www.youtube.com/@bibleproject

www.youversion.com/the-bible-app

www.bible.com/reading-plans

www.biblegateway.com

www.openbible.info/topics

www.gotquestions.org