



THE GREATEST STORY: A YEAR THROUGH THE BIBLE

How to Read Scripture

Option 1: O.I.A. (Observation, Interpretation, Application)

Observation — What does the passage say?

- Who is involved?
- What is happening?
- What stands out?
- What do I learn about God, humanity, sin, faith, or obedience?

Interpretation — What does the passage mean?

- Why was this written?
- What would the original audience have understood?
- What is the main message?

Application — How should I respond?

- Is there a truth to believe?
- A command to obey?
- A sin to avoid?
- An example to follow?
- How can I live differently because of this passage?

Option 2: Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading)

Read — Read the passage slowly and attentively. Notice words, phrases, or images that capture your attention.

Reflect — Read the passage again. Ask why a particular word, phrase, or idea stands out. What might God be showing you about Himself or about your life?

Respond — Talk with God about what you have read. Thank Him, confess sin, ask questions, and pray for the strength to obey.

Rest — Spend a few quiet moments in God's presence and allow His Word to settle into your heart.

Prayer Before Reading:

"Lord, open my eyes to see wonderful things in Your Word. Help me understand what You are saying and give me the courage to obey. Amen." (Psalm 119:18)



SEASON 3: RESCUE

Reading Plan

Week 1 — Slavery

Read: Exodus 1-4

God hears the cries of His people, calls Moses, and begins His work of rescue.

Week 2 — Blood & Water

Read: Exodus 5-15

God delivers Israel from slavery through the Passover lamb and leads them through the sea into freedom.

Week 3 — Covenant & Presence

Read: Exodus 19-40

God forms His rescued people through His covenant and comes to dwell among them in the tabernacle.

Week 4 — Wilderness

Read: Numbers 1-14, Deuteronomy 8

God uses the wilderness to teach His people to trust Him, even when the journey is difficult.

Week 5 — Choose Life

Read: Deuteronomy 5-34

As Israel stands on the edge of the Promised Land, Moses calls God's people to love the Lord, remember His faithfulness, and choose life.

Origins Theme: Through the Exodus, God rescues His people from slavery, forms them into His covenant family, dwells in their midst, and prepares them to live as His people in the world.

Big Picture Questions

- What does this passage teach me about God?
- What does it reveal about humanity?
- How does sin distort God's good design?
- Where do I see God's grace and faithfulness?
- How does this point forward to God's plan of redemption?