



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 4: KINGDOM

Reading Plan

Week 1 — Inheritance

Read: Joshua 1-6; 23-24

God brings His people into the land He promised and calls them to live courageously and faithfully under His rule.

Week 2 — Blood & Water

Read: Judges 1-8; 13-21

Israel repeatedly turns away from God, revealing the destruction that follows when everyone does what is right in their own eyes.

Week 3 — Redemption

Read: Ruth 1-4

In the dark days of the Judges, God works through ordinary acts of faithfulness and loyal love to bring redemption and prepare the way for a king.

Week 4 — Kings

Read: 1 Samuel 1-10; 13-15

Israel demands a king like the nations, but Saul's story reveals the danger of choosing outward strength over faithful obedience to God.

Week 5 — David

Read: 1 Samuel 16-17; 2 Samuel 5-7; 11-12; Psalm 51

God promises an everlasting kingdom through David's family, but David's failure reveals Israel's need for a better King.

Week 6 — Solomon

Read: 1 Kings 1-11

Solomon's wisdom and prosperity bring Israel to its greatest glory, but his divided heart reveals that even God's good gifts cannot sustain a kingdom apart from wholehearted devotion to Him.

Week 7 — Division

Read: 1 Kings 12-16

Israel's kingdom fractures as its leaders turn away from God's rule, yet God's covenant promises keep alive the hope of a future King.

Kingdom Theme: God brings His people into the land He promised and calls them to live under His rule. But Israel's repeated failures reveal their need for a better King—one who will lead God's people in His ways and whose kingdom will endure forever.

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?