



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 1: ORIGINS

Genesis 1–11 Reading Plan

Week 1 — Creation

Read: Genesis 1–2

God creates the world and humanity in His image.

Week 2 — The Fall

Read: Genesis 3–5

Sin enters the world and spreads through humanity.

Week 3 — The Flood

Read: Genesis 6–9

God judges evil, preserves Noah, and establishes His covenant.

Week 4 — Babel

Read: Genesis 10–11

Humanity seeks its own glory at Babel.

Origins Theme: From Creation to Babel, we discover who God is, what kind of world he created, who we are, how sin entered the world, and how God begins His plan to redeem and bless the nations.

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?