

Tuning Up: Part 1

Why read the Bible?

Bible reading is one of the key tools God uses to _____ me

- My goal in reading the Bible is ______ that leads to ______ 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Joshua 1:8; Philippians 4:9; John 13:17; James 1:22-25; Romans 12:2
- The Bible is God making Himself ______ to His Creation through the written word

Bible 101: The Bible...

- Was written by 40+ human authors over a span of about 1,500 years
- Was written in 3 different ancient languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek, on three different continents: Asia, Africa and Europe
- Is a collection of 66 books, divided into two parts called Testaments and contains a variety of different writing styles: poetry, prophecy, history, biography, etc.

WHAT are the essentials we believe about the Bible?

"The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error."

2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; Psalm 119:105, 160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5

I can trust the Bible because it is...

- The Bible is God's Word.
- INERRANT The Bible is truth, all truth, and contains no error of any kind.
- INFALLIBLE God never fails, nor does His Word. We can trust that the Bible always accomplishes God's purposes.
- SUFFICIENT We are not to add or subtract from the Bible.
- NECESSARY The Bible is necessary for knowledge of the Gospel, growing spiritually and certain knowledge of God's will.
- ETERNAL God's word will endure forever.





KEEP



Bible reading best practices:

• Find a ______ that you understand and will actually read

• Pick a _____ and _____

• _____and ask _____

• _____... and then build from there

H.E.A.R.ing from God:

- PRAYER Before reading, pause and ask God to speak to you.
 Psalm 119:18; James 1:5
- What is a verse or two that stood out to me from my Bible reading?
 - ______ What is the author's intended meaning in the context of this passage?
- ______ What is the principle for me to live by today?

Memory Verse

¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for <u>teaching</u>, for <u>reproof</u>, for <u>correction</u>, and for <u>training in righteousness</u>, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV

My next step today is to...

- o Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- o Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior for the first time!
- o Pick a time to meet with God through reading my Bible
- o Try at least one H.E.A.R. Journal this week
- o Take the next step of baptism on May 19th
- o Attend the rest of the Traction teaching series (as much as possible)
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Recommended Resources:

Bible.org: <u>Is the Bible Reliable? Seven Questions</u>

GotQuestions: <u>Is the Bible Reliable?</u>

30 Days to Understanding the Bible by Max Anders

What You Need to Know About the Bible by Max Anders

Talk Thru the Bible: A Quick Guide to Help You Get More Out of the Bible by Wilkinson & Boa

Message: The Essentials: What We Believe About the Bible

Structure of the Old Testament

Integration of the New Testament

