

## Ways to Study the Bible

### Things to you need for your Bible study:

- A Bible (one with a concordance is many times helpful for most studies)
- A journal and pen – its often helpful to write down the things you are learning or questions you might have
- An open heart and mind for learning from God
- Find a spiritual guide you can ask questions of. Many times you'll have more questions after you've studied something. Having someone you can turn to for guidance in answering those questions will help your learning to be multiplied.

Here are a few ways to get started:

### **Cover to Cover Study** - Read the Bible all the way through from Genesis to Revelation.

- This is typically done over a year time frame.
- This can be a great way to get an overall view of the Bible but also can be overwhelming and confusing at times – especially in the Old Testament.
- There are several reading plans that will tell you what chapters and verses to read everyday to get through the Bible in one year.

### **Book Study** – spend time studying 1 specific book of the Bible

- There are 66 book options to choose from in this way of studying.
- For people new to their faith, studying Proverbs is a great start. This book is known as the book of wisdom.
- Another great study is the book of John. This is a great study for getting to know Jesus on a personal level.

### **Character Study** – study one person in the Bible

- There are many options in the Old Testament and New Testament for this type of study.
- You could study the life of Abraham, Jacob, Isaac, Moses, Esther, Jesus, John, Paul, etc...
- All you do is select someone out of the Bible that you want to study, then look in the concordance for where that person is mentioned in the Bible and begin studying.

### **Word Study** – study a specific word to find out all that God has to say about that word

- Example, how does God define "love?"
- Ask God what word He wants you to focus on. Then grab your Bible with a concordance in the back and look up that specific word to see where in the Bible that word is found.
- Then dig into your study and ask God to teach you about the deeper meanings of that word and how to apply it to your life.

### **Subject Study** – study a specific subject to find out all that God has to say about that subject

- Example, for those struggling in marriage may want to do a study on what God has to say about marriage.
- Ask God which subject He wants you to gain more Bible knowledge about.
- Then grab a Bible with a concordance in the back and look up that specific subject to see where in the Bible that subject is dealt with.
- Then dive into your subject study with an open heart and mind!

**Devotional Study** – get a daily devotional guide or book and work your way through that material

- “Purpose Driven Life” by Rick Warren
- “Celebration of Discipline” by Richard Foster
- “The Life You’ve Always Wanted” by John Ortberg
- “My Utmost for His Highest” by Oswald Chambers

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