

## A SIMPLE WAY TO READ THE BIBLE TOGETHER

1. First, we'll read the passage out loud together.
2. Each of us will then take 5 to 10 minutes (depending on the length of the passage) to read back over the passage on our own, and look for three things:



**A light bulb:** anything that shines out in the passage and draws attention; it can be something important, or something that strikes you.



**A question mark:** anything that is hard to understand; something that you would like to be able to ask the author about.



**An arrow:** anything that applies personally to the real stuff of your everyday life.

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3. We can each try and write down at least one thing and no more than three under each category.
4. And then we can talk about what we wrote down.
  - We'll each share our light bulb(s), and discuss.
  - We'll each share our question mark(s), and then do our best to work out answers together from the passage (although it doesn't matter if we can't find an answer).
  - We'll each share our arrow(s), and discuss.
5. Finally, we'll pray out loud together about what we have learned.

## Mark's Gospel

The following selections from Mark's Gospel would serve as an excellent basis for one-to-one readings, especially if you are exploring the claims of Jesus.

If you would like, you can download [these discussion questions](#) to use each week, either in preparation or in your one-to-one meetings.

Try reading Mark over eight weeks, like this:

1. Mark 1:1–15
2. Mark 2:1–12
3. Mark 3:7–35
4. Mark 8:22–38
5. Mark 10:17–45
6. Mark 14:53–15:15
7. Mark 15:16–39
8. Mark 15:42–16:8

## Colossians

Colossians is a brilliant little book about what it means to become a Christian and to continue to live and grow as a Christian.

Try reading Colossians over nine weeks, like this:

1. Colossians 1:1-14
2. Colossians 1:15-23
3. Colossians 1:24-2:5
4. Colossians 2:6-15
5. Colossians 2:16-23
6. Colossians 3:1-4
7. Colossians 3:5-17
8. Colossians 3:18-4:1
9. Colossians 4:2-18

## Romans

At some point in the Christian life, everyone should drink deeply from the book of Romans. This is an excellent thing to do together one-to-one with a Christian brother or sister. Here, for example, is a suggested break-up of Romans 5-8 that you could do over eight weeks:

1. Romans 5:1-11 ~ Reconciliation with God
2. Romans 5:12-21 ~ The reign of sin to life in Christ
3. Romans 6:1-14 ~ Set free from sin
4. Romans 6:15-23 ~ Made slaves of God
5. Romans 7:1-6 ~ Dead to the law
6. Romans 7:7-25 ~ The function of the law
7. Romans 8:1-17 ~ Life in the Spirit
8. Romans 8:18-39 ~ Future destiny in Christ