

READING GUIDE

- Ezra's Example -

Pray

Preparation

Thank God for speaking to us and revealing himself in his Word (2 Timothy 3:16, Heb 4:12). Ask God to help you understand so that you might know him and make him known!

Read

Observation

What does it say?

- What sticks out and surprises you in this text?
- What repetition, key words, commands, characters, or climax did you observe?
- What's the main focus and emphasis of the text?

Study

Interpretation

What did it mean for them?

- What sort of writing is this? (*Historical/Narrative, Sermon/Letter, Poem/Song, Prophetic/Apocalyptic*)
- What is the context or circumstance surrounding your reading? (*Time period, Author, Addressee*)

What did it mean for them?

- What did you learn about God and the Gospel?
- What did you learn about yourself and the world?
- What questions do you have?

Do

Application

What does it mean for you?

- How might you sum up your reading in your own words?
- What wrong beliefs and actions do you need to repent and confess?
- What do you need to believe and do in response to God's Word?

Teach

Multiplication

What does it mean for others?

- What can you share with another Christian to encourage them to follow Christ?
- What can you share with a Non-Christian so they might consider following Christ?



“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”

John 17:17

Year-Long Plans

Old Testament 3 chapters (9-10 min)/day

New Testament 1 chapter (3-5 min)/day

Whole Bible 4 chapters (12-15 min)/day

Other options (check online or ask a pastor):

M'Cheyne (OT once + NT twice), chronological, by genre (wisdom books, narratives, epistles, etc.)

Books of the Month - read and study at your own pace

January Genesis (50 chapters)

February Acts (28)

March Proverbs (31)

April Exodus (40)

May Job (42)

June Hebrews (13)

July Isaiah (66)

August Mark (16)

September 1 Samuel (31)

October 1 & 2 Corinthians (29)

November Ezra, Nehemiah (23)

December Psalms (150)