

FORT WORTH CITY CHURCH

REAP: HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

READING THE BIBLE WITH THE “REAP” METHOD

- The Scriptures are one of God’s greatest gifts to deepen our relationship with him, bring gospel revival in our lives, and to empower us for action that shines God’s love in this world.
 - *“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:14-17*
- Led by the Holy Spirit, we want to daily read and study the Scriptures to fuel our knowledge of Jesus and apply the gospel to all of our life.
- The REAP method is a way of seeking to read for relationship, revival, and action each and every day. REAP stands for Read, Examine, Apply, and Pray.
 - Think through these questions and consider writing out the answers.

READ

- As you prepare to read the day's passage, ask the Holy Spirit to teach, correct, and train you as he makes you wise in the gospel of Jesus.
- As you read, think through these questions:
 - What’s happening in this passage? What’s emphasized, repeated, or related?
 - What do you see about God? What is God doing in this passage?
 - What do you see about humankind in this passage?

EXAMINE

- Spend some time reflecting on the day’s passage. Ask yourself these questions:
 - How do you think the author wants his audience to respond?
 - What do you learn about God's character?
 - How is Jesus the real hero in this passage?
 - What wrong beliefs about God and myself does this reveal in me?

APPLY

- After examining the passage, apply the text to your own life. Ask yourself these questions:
 - How do I need to repent?
 - What false beliefs do I need to turn from?
 - What truths do I need to believe?
 - What can I do - empowered by the Holy Spirit - to apply this passage?
 - How can I turn and obey and walk forward in the confidence of the gospel?
 - How can I obey this with joy and not just begrudged obedience?
- Then, consider how you can share this with a friend in your Discipleship Group to help you move forward.

PRAY

- Pray through the passage and your application, asking God to change your heart and life, reviving you with his unstoppable grace and love in the Gospel.