

BIBLE READING BASICS

Simple Steps to Get Started

If you are new to spending time in the Bible, some basic questions can help guide your reading and open space to hear more clearly from God.

(before you start reading) **PREPARE YOURSELF TO HEAR FROM GOD** Take time to slow your mind and heart... God wants to speak... Are you ready to listen?

ORIENT YOURSELF TO THIS PASSAGE

What kind of book is this? When does this occur in the story of the Bible? Who is the author? Who is the audience?

(while you read) **WHAT DOES IT SAY?** What are the keywords or lines? What is the big idea? How does this connect with the rest of the Bible?

(after you read) **HOW DOES THIS IMPACT MY LIFE?** What is God trying to say to me? What am I learning about God? How does God want me to respond?

SUGGESTED PASSAGES

John 1:1-14 Acts 2:42-47 Ephesians 3:14-21

