



Notes | January 14, 2024

## How Do I Read the Bible?

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In today's society we all have access to the Bible, and even if you been following Jesus for years or just a short time, when it comes to the Bible many of us read passages and are left clueless to their meaning. Alongside that, we wonder if the Bible is even credible enough to follow. By learning the origin of the Bible, we find that the Bible is the most evidentially supported document in human history by far. Additionally, by approaching the Bible with the mindset it was written for us, but not to us, we can better understand the context and purpose behind the Scriptures themselves.

### Key Scripture | 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

### Related Scriptures

Psalms 92:12-14, Mark 12:30, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Galatians 3:1,26-28, Hebrews 4:12

### Icebreakers:

Q: What's your favorite bible story?



## Key Thoughts and Reflections:

### I. Everything bows to an authority. Ours is the Bible.

Q: Who do you trust to give you advice?

Q: Who, if anyone, do you see as a figure of authority in your life?

Q: Do you trust the authority of the Bible? Why or why not?

### II. The Bible was written for us, not just to us.

Q: God wrote the Bible with you in mind. What does that make you think/feel?

Q: Do you have your own method for studying the Bible? How'd you come to it?

Q: Do you feel confident reading the Bible? Do you leave with a deeper understanding of it?

### III. First, I read God's word, then I invite God's word to read me. (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer)

Q: The SOAP method is a simple method to approach the Bible. Reading the Scripture is step one. How do you go about choosing which Scripture to read in your personal time?

Q: Observation is about understanding audience, characters, context, and the purpose of the passage. From your experience, what's a Bible passage you understood more after observation?

Q: Application is about applying what you learned about God through the passage in your own life. What's something God has been teaching you lately?

## Get Practical

God in His kindness gave us the Bible so that we could know Him! Spend time this week using the SOAP Method (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) in your time with God.

Text DEVO to 37748, to jump into 5 days of devotionals, learn more about the SOAP Method, and hear what God has to say to you!