



Whether this is your first time doing a One to One Bible Reading Plan, or you've been reading the Bible with others for a long time, here are a few tips and methods to help make your time together the most effective. You may decide to spend sometime before hand preparing for your meeting, reading the text before hand and jotting down some thoughts and questions to discuss. Or you might decide to read the text together the first time. Which ever you decide, consider using some of these methods to help your discussion.

There are lots of different "Methods" of reading and studying the Bible, but many of them come down to three things:

OBSERVE | As you read the Bible you will observe and work comprehend what the text says.

- Are there any major sub-sections or breaks in the text?
- What is the main point or points?
- What surprises are there?
- What are the key words? What words or ideas are repeated?

INTERPRETATION | "What does this mean?"

- How does the text relate to other parts of the book?
- How does the passage relate to Jesus?
- What does this teach us about God?
- How could we sum up the meaning of this passage in our own words?

APPLICATION | look for applications of God's Word to your life.

- How does this passage change my view of self
- Is there some attitude I need to change?
- What should I do in response?

BIBLE READING TIPS

READ the text out loud, hearing the words spoken sometimes makes different things stand out to you.

Have a **PEN** in hand, if you are comfortable marking in your Bible, underline or circle things that stand out to you. You might also consider printing off the book so you have a copy you can mark and make notes on.

Keep a **NOTEBOOK** or piece of paper to write questions down as you read, so you can come back to them.

ASK all the "W" questions. Who, What, Where, When, Why...and how

CONSIDER the context

Try the CIA Method - Comprehension, "what does it mean?", Interpretation, "What does it mean?" and Application, "How should it change me?"

If the text is hard to understand, try reading it in a different translation, or write out a paraphrase in your own words

LOOK up words