



GETTING STARTED

YOUR FIRST MEETING CHECKLIST

It's your first One to One Bible Reading Meeting! Here is a checklist that you can go through together to make sure you discuss and plan well for the next few weeks as you open God's Word together. Grab this checklist, your calendars and your Bible and get ready to dive into the One to One Bible Reading Challenge! It will help for both of you to have a copy of this checklist.

- Spend a few minutes either getting to know each other, or if you are already good friends, connect on how your week has gone.
- Confirm what book of the Bible plan to read.
- Schedule out what day of the week you will meet, where you will meet, and how many weeks it will take to read through the book. Schedule every meeting through the end of the book.
- Discuss what you hope to get out of the commitment and why you've chosen this specific book of the Bible
- Decide if you will read and prepare before hand, or discover the book together
- Pray together for open hearts

Book of the Bible are we reading together: \_\_\_\_\_

Day and time we will be meeting: Mon Tue Wed Thr Fri Sat Sun @ \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ AM PM

Last meeting date: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting location: \_\_\_\_\_

Fun fact about my reading partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite treat from \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_



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



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WEEKLY CHECKLIST

- CATCH UP** | Spend a few minutes catching up on each other's week, what God is doing in each other's life, etc
- PRAY** | Ask God to guide your time in reading and learning together. Ask for clarity of the text and areas He wants you to apply it
- READ** | Read the decided amount of text
- DISCUSS** | Observe what the text is saying together, and discuss what it means within the context
- APPLY** | Discuss how to apply this passage to your life
- PRAY** | finish praying the passage together, asking God to help you apply it
- CONFIRM** | Check your calendars and confirm your next meeting date still works for both of you

BIBLE  
READING  
CHALLENGE  
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WORKSHEET



SUMMER 2019

SUMMARY OF WHAT WE READ: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSAGE READ: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIN POINTS:

HOW I'LL APPLY IT THIS WEEK:

\_\_\_\_\_ 'S PRAYER REQUESTS:

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