



## **Session Four: How to read the Bible**

Part of a four week group study to understand and enjoy the Word of God.

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“The growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs.”

—from *Middlemarch* by George Eliot

### **Reading the Bible is primarily a spiritual exercise**

Surrender to the way of the Kingdom

Surrender to Jesus

### **Reading the Bible is a relational practice**

With God and others

Practice isn't performance

Example: Psalm 1

Ways to approach reading the Bible

ACTS

adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication (asking for help)

## OIA

observation (what do you notice?), interpretation (what does it mean?), application (how to put that meaning into practice?)

## Four Questions

What does this text teach us about: who God is, what He's done, who we are, what we therefore ought to do?

## Reading the Bible is a habit

Clarity

What if it was easier? What if it was fun?

Have a goal

Bring others in

## Questions

What did you learn?

What has helped you in reading the Bible in the past?

What has made things difficult in the past?

How has your habit of reading the Bible had to change with different seasons of life?

Share how things are going with each other and pray to ask the Lord to keep us growing and on His path.