

EMMANUEL NOTES

Espresso Shot

How to Read The Bible

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People who don't read it
People who dabble in reading it
People who daily read it

Why Should I Read The Bible?

Reading it allows you to hear God's voice.

- *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness... - 2 Timothy 3:16*

Reading it promises a blessing.

- *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. - Psalms 1:1-3*
- *A Bible that is worn out and falling apart is owned by a person who is not." - D. L. Moody*

Reading it brings encouragement and hope.

- *For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. - Romans 15:4*

WEEKEND SERVICE NOTES

Reading it gives wisdom for life decisions.

- *"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock... - Matthew 7:24-25*

Reading it helps you overcome temptation.

- *"It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." - Matthew 4:4*
- *I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. - Psalm 119:11*

Reading it helps you become more like Christ.

- *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. - Hebrews 4:12*

How do I do it?

Get a clear plan.

Have a clear method.

Scripture
Observation
Application
Prayer

Today's challenge: Read through the Bible with me for a year.

For Small Group Discussion:

What's caused you to struggle to read your Bible?

Did you make the commitment to read your Bible for a year?
Why or why not?