PRAY FOR THE SPIRIT'S HELP BEFORE YOU READ

In order for us properly to read the Bible, the Spirit has to give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Theologians call this "illumination." Asking the Spirit to give us light is vital if we want to read well. Before you start the reading for the day, pray a short prayer asking God to help you. Psalm 119:18 is a good place to start: "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law."

READ IN ORDER TO KNOW AND LOVE GOD

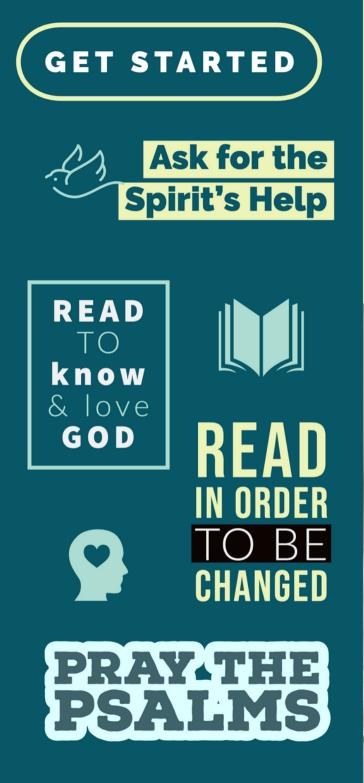
The Bible is God's word to us. In it, He reveals lots of things to us, but most importantly He reveals Himself. If we read the Bible without knowing God more, then we may as well read any other book. So ask questions of the text that seek to uncover this revelation. What does this passage tell you about God? About Jesus? Is the passage stoking your affections for God?

READ IN ORDER TO BE CHANGED

Theology isn't the end goal of Bible reading. The end goal is to have our hearts changed and our minds transformed to know and to serve the one, true God (Romans 12:2). The Bible is given that we might learn how to be the kind of people God wants us to be (2 Timothy 3:16). So theology is an important piece, but not the whole pie. When you read the Bible, apply it to your life and heart. Get personal with the kinds of questions you ask. What does the passage say about sin? How does the passage effect you? Does it convict you? Why? How should you respond in light of what God is saying to you?

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD BY PRAYING GOD'S WORD

God speaks to us through the Bible. We respond to God through prayer. Responding isn't as easy as it sounds, though. In fact, as you pray you'll become more aware of how inadequate your prayers are. Thankfully, God has given us a whole book of prayers in the Psalms. From very early on, the church has used these psalms as tutors to prayer. Do the same as you go through the reading plan, Use the Psalm reading for the day as a guide to your own prayers for the day. Read the psalm, meditate over it, and then pray back to God according to what you've read and meditated on.



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