

THE METHOD

How to Study the Bible Together

You've got your people, your time, and what you want to read. You're ready to get started.

Here are the **six things** that matter most when you open the Bible together, in the order that works best. How that looks for your group is up to you.



Pray

Seek God's help in understanding God's Word. Ask Him to use your time to comfort, convict, and lead you. (Psalm 119:18, John 16:13)



Observe

Start with what the text actually says. Take notes. Circle repeated words. Mark commands, promises, and contrasts. Watch the connectors: "therefore," "because," "so that." They carry the truth from passage to passage.



Ask Questions

- Who wrote this, to whom, and why?
- What did it mean to its first readers?
- What is confusing or sticks out, and why might it be important?

Write your questions down and pray about them. Good questions are the doorway to understanding.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...”

COLOSSIANS 3:16



Find Its Place in the Story

Where does this passage sit in the Bible's one storyline? What does it reveal about God, about Christ, about man, about the gospel? Let Scripture interpret Scripture before reaching for application.



Apply It with Each Other

- What does this passage call us to believe, to love, and to do?
- How does the gospel give us both the reason and the power to obey?
- What will obedience look like for us this week, specifically?
- Pray the text back to God by yourself and with one another.
- Hold one another accountable to follow through on Spirit-led conviction.



Relate

Paul loved the Thessalonians enough to share not only the gospel with them, but his life too (1 Thessalonians 2:8). We want to both study the text and share life together as we do. Take time to ask questions and get to know one another well, so you can care for one another well.