

Journal and Study Tips



Invite the Holy Spirit to teach you, as we are students together!

Jesus said to his disciples, “But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.”

John 14:26

During your reading time of the One-Year Chronological Bible (NLT), it is strongly encouraged to begin to keep a notebook. By responding with a pen in-hand, your journal or notebook will become a good practice to record all that God is teaching you each day.

As you read, consider the following prompts to reflect on God’s Word:

1. **Something New:** what is new to you today that you did not know before; something newly revealed in the storyline?
2. **Something Familiar, now Fresh:** what is fresh understanding; if something that has been familiar yet heard in a new way?
3. **Something to Ask, Pray or To-Do:** what is a step toward relating more with the Word (ask); with the Holy Spirit (pray); or with yourself/others (to-do)?

**These journaling prompts will be the basis for group discussion.*

Other Suggested Journaling Tips:

- Include a date to each entry; see the timeline of God’s teaching to you.
- Write formal (journal) or informal (sticky notes, index cards or device notes).
- Write messy or write neat; doodle if you want – just write and let the Word speak.
- Write specific to the reading & only as personal as you’re comfortable. (not a diary)
- Feeling uninspired, uncertain or frustrated? Simply pick a verse from daily reading that is “new” or “fresh” and write it down to ponder further.

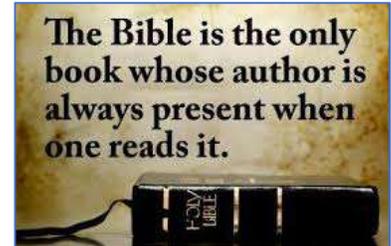
Not all will be understood as you begin to read the Bible and that’s OK! God will reveal what He wants you to know in the time that He wants you to know it. And when He reveals, choose to obey. Keep reading... Stick it out... Be Patient!

“The LORD our God has secrets known to no one. We are not accountable for them, but we and our children are accountable forever for all that he has revealed to us, so that we may obey all the terms of these instructions.” Deuteronomy 29:29

God's Word is living and active... (Hebrews 4:12) and so are you! Wherever you are, there is the meeting place!

Each in their own way, create less of a checklist and create more in your relationship with God's Word providing opportunity with LOTS of creativity, flexibility & grace too.

- No right or wrong way to read and approach the Bible; *remember your teacher, the Holy Spirit.*
- No comparison zone – do not to look to the left or right; *except only to encourage others.*
- No fear of missing out in gaps or guilt of missing days; *expect to fall behind at times – just start again today.*



Prepare: Consider the rhythm of your days and weeks to create a regular time and place to focus on your reading time and be creative with your morning, noon or evening.

Protect: Consider the boundaries that you will need to establish and be mindful to reduce distractions – if needed, turn off devices/TV, close the door and let things be unfinished.

Prioritize: Consider the choice to be intentional and try your best to honor this time to read and reflect and respond, even as daily demands and interruptions will shift the day.

Pray: Consider the support of others in the group especially in the power of prayer for each other as we remain accountable and participate together through God's Word.

"But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life" Jude 1:20-21a

Be real: Only you can be you - a one-of-a kind design that is uniquely part of God's story.

Be available: Just keep showing up - knowing in our imperfections, God works perfectly.

Be expectant: Trust Him - something new and something fresh has already begun in you.

In the beginning, God... created you and He continues to write your story within His story.

Remember, there is no better time than the present to be in His Presence.

All's Grace!

*Questions or Request to Join, please email: InspiredWordTogether@gmail.com

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