

## Making the Most of Your Time in Scripture

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*"I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my daily food." Job 23:12*

Bible reading is an indispensable part of our relationship with God. Through the Bible we hear His voice and we learn who He is and how to walk in His ways. In 2020, our church will be reading the New Testament together following a chronological plan.

If you don't already have a pattern for the time you spend with God each day then here's a good guide for you to follow.

**PRAY** – Begin by acknowledging God's presence and worshipping Him. Then ask God to speak directly to you from the Scripture passage you're about to read.

**READ (and reread)** – Read through the entire passage for the day, and then reread it to discover a verse or idea that speaks to you.

**REFLECT** – Spend a few minutes digging a little deeper. You can do this by underlining key words and phrases, by rewriting the passage in your own words, or journaling your thoughts.

Asking questions will help you to discover more about the passage. Here are a few questions you may want to ask:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there an application to make?
- Is there something new about God?

**PRAY AGAIN** – Close your time with a prayer of response. You may want to write out this prayer as a way to intentionally focus on what God has shown you.

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*"My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me." John 10:27*