

DISCIPLESHIP track

Gospel › Bible Study

The main way God has spoken to us is through the Bible. It is our standard for faith and life. Anything that God requires of us in life he has revealed through His Holy Word. But it's a big book, written thousands of years ago by numerous authors. How do we make sure we can correctly read and understand what God requires of us? This track is designed to give you some basic tools to be able to study and understand the Bible yourself. As we grow in our knowledge of scripture, it should change how we live and increase our love for Christ and His Word.

for Bible Study

consider.

- How is the Bible different from other books and why do we make a big deal about it?
- What is your experience with studying the Bible? What is your comfort level?
- What are the obstacles that keep you from reading, studying and understanding the Bible?
- How does the Bible change us?
- Why is it important to study the Bible with other people?

read.

- *Knowable Word*, Peter Kroll
- *Echoes of Exodus*, Alastair Roberts

pray.

Ask God to...

- grow a hunger for His Word.
- illuminate the bible as you study it.
- give you a soft, worshipful heart.
- give you discipline to build good reading and study habits.
- give you an eagerness to obey all that he calls you to in the bible.

do.

- Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Spend some time each day reading the Bible, praying to God, and worshipping God.
- Find a Bible Reading Plan to read through the Bible in a year.
- Attend Berea on Sunday Mornings.
- Read Scripture as a family.
- Get together with someone else to study a book of the Bible.



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For Further Reading...

The Biggest Story, Kevin DeYoung
(A children's Bible that provides a great overview)
A House for My Name, Peter Leithart
(Old Testament overview)
How to use a Study Bible well, Mike Maruska

purpose.

The primary call on all our lives is to glorify God by following Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. The desire and ability to live out this call are the result of a beautiful merging of God's sovereign grace and our dependent effort. At Grace Church we are committed to coming alongside anyone who is interested in examining and accepting this call. It is our joy to follow Jesus with you.

covenant.

One of the most popular and tragic counterfeit versions of Christianity in existence today is the one which suggests that people can choose to follow Jesus to some (or even most) of the places that he goes—that people can come to Jesus on their own terms. Throughout the time of his ministry, however, Jesus made it plain that people would follow him wherever he might lead them and whatever it might cost them or they would not follow him at all (i.e. Matthew 8:19-22; Luke 14:25-33). Jesus will meet us wherever we are but he alone determines where we're going. Indeed, the bible makes plain the fact that there is a high cost to following Jesus. But the bible also makes plain that the reward is incomparably greater (Matthew 13:44) and that the strength to do so comes ultimately from God (Philippians 2:12-13).

Consequently, we want to mutually enter into a covenant—an agreement that is serious and significant. Before agreeing to begin this discipleship track, know that it should only be entered into after much prayer (with your spouse if you are married), consideration, and with a whole heart. It may bring spiritual challenges but it will most certainly bring God's help and reward.

- I agree to finish this discipleship track. Given the significant investment that others are making in me I acknowledge the need for punctuality and uninterrupted attendance.
- I agree to be honest and forthright—speaking the truth in love and being willing to receive feedback, even if it hurts. We can only help each other if we are willing to be transparent and vulnerable.
- I commit to completing assignments and coming prepared to engage fully.
- I commit to consistent prayer for the person that I'm meeting with.
- I commit to the consistent disciplines of reading God's Word and prayer during this discipleship track.
- Finally, I commit to leading at least one other person through this discipleship track in the future.

In short, we're asking you to commit to taking this seriously and sharing it with at least one other person as an expression of your love for God and the calling He's placed on your life.

Signed: _____ Date: _____