

Back to the Bible - Summer 2021

This summer we are encouraging all the members of Fordham Manor Church to start a Bible Reading Plan.

When you read God's Word regularly you will receive guidance for your life in making decisions, you will become spiritually mature and you will access God's power in your life.

STEP 1 - PICK A BIBLE READING PLAN

- 30 Days - Read through the Book of Mark - <https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/15625-30-days-in-the-gospel-of-mark/day/1>
- 60 Days - Read through the Harmony of the Gospels - [A Harmony Of The Gospels In 30 Days | Devotional Reading Plan | YouVersion Bible](#)
- 90 Day Summer Reading - Read through All Four Gospel - <https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/8868>

STEP 2 - LEARN HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

Here are three simple ways that you can read the Word and learn how to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you.

1. LECTIO DIVINA - An ancient method of Bible reading that will help you hear God's voice. <https://youtu.be/gKYEOc3ik9k>
2. THE SOAP METHOD OF BIBLE STUDY - <https://youtu.be/Rhqr921lyMg>
3. 4 STEP BIBLE READING METHOD - <https://youtu.be/4wl24E3QLPM>
4. The ABC method of Bible study comes from [The Navigator Bible Studies Handbook](#). This method is best suited for small to medium sized selections of scripture. I like to start by filling out part E. Part A should be filled out last.
 - a. The basic format is as follows:
 - b. · **A. Title:** This should be short and concise. It should be a few words that sum up the reading. Example: "Walking in the light"
 - c. · **B. Best Verse (or Basic Passage):** This should be the verse that best represents the passage that you are reading or your favorite verse from the passage.

- d. · **C. Challenge:** This is the action step of this method (application). In this section you describe what the text you are reading is challenging you to do. There are many acronyms that are used by various people for a section like this, but the Navigator Bible Studies Handbook suggest the acronym **SPECK***:
- i. · ***Sin** to confess, **Prayer** to pray, **Example** to follow, **Command** to obey, Something that increases your **Knowledge** of GOD.
- e. · **D. Difficulties:** In this section you write out the questions about parts of the section that you might not understand very well. You can also write out questions that others might ask or statements that they might make based on the selection. Then you can answer those questions so that when you face this same question at some point you will know how to answer.
- f. · **E. Essence:** In this section you can either paraphrase the selection or you can write an outline of it. Both are good ways to get an overview or “big picture view” of the selection of scripture.

STEP 3 - PRAY BEFORE AND AFTER READING THE BIBLE

Father in heaven, I know that the Bible is Your holy, inspired love letter to man. I realize that I cannot know You and Your plan for my life apart from the truths contained in Your Word. I want to read, study, memorize, and meditate on Your Word daily as a way of life, but I need the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to help me.

STEP 4 - MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

- Download the app **Bible Memory** by MemLok on Iphone or Android.