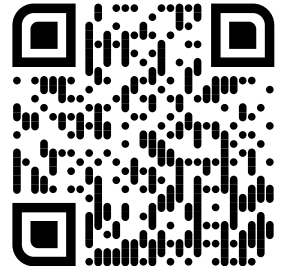


Imago Dei Church Bible Study Method



This year we are going to dive deep into twelve books of the Bible for study.

You'll notice that depending on the size and genre of the book, your reading pace will shift a little bit from month to month. BUT, in any bible study, you will always work through these three key steps:

Comprehension, Interpretation, and Application.

Prior to Beginning Your Study

Think through a regular time and place of each day that you can set aside to study the Bible. Whether it is the early morning, your lunch break, a child's nap time, or in the evening before bed—is there a regular rhythm to your life that you can use to prioritize establishing deeper roots in God's word?

Note

It may be helpful to meet up weekly with a friend from your Gospel Community to read and study together.

At the beginning of each month, take time to read through the handout provided by Imago Dei Church that offers the historical and cultural context of the book you will be reading for that month. This will greatly help you have a deeper understanding as you read.

Watch the videos "What's in the Bible?" and "How to Study the Bible?" (linked at the QR code above) if you haven't already or need to be reminded of their contents.

Materials Needed

- Bible
- Pencil, pen, or other writing instrument
- Journal or separate copy of text that you can write on
- Imago Dei Church Bible Reading Plan

How To Study

Begin methodically reading for comprehension, interpretation, and application.



Comprehension

What does it say?

- BEST PRACTICES: Read repetitively and ask A LOT of questions!
- Transfer notes to journal or separate piece of paper.
- Things to look for:
 - Are there repeated words/phrases?
 - Does it mention attributes about God?
 - Are there any words you don't understand? Look them up and define them.
 - Where are key transition words? (*therefore, so, for, and so on.*)
What points are these words highlighting?
 - Is any idea confusing? Write question in margin
- Ask questions as you read and try to answer them using only the text of the book you are reading.



Interpretation

What does it mean?

- Write (or think through) a 1–3 sentence summary of the passage.
 - Use your own words but be intentional to use the key phrases and ideas of the passage itself.
- Write (or think through) a single, simple sentence "big idea."
 - What does it mean? OR, what is God trying to communicate?



Application

How should it change me?

- Think and pray through these questions:
 - What does this tell me about God?
 - How does this aspect of God's character change my view of self?
 - What should I do in response?