



Bible Engagement

Growth in Knowing, Loving, and Applying God's Word

Someone who says that they love God would want to know more about Him. The primary way we do this is by reading the Word of God given to us in the Bible. Anyone who claims to be a Christian and does not feel the need to continue to study the Bible either does not understand what the Bible is or is plagued by pride. As Christians we get our truth and guidance in large part from God's Word, so we must be committed to studying it faithfully and applying it on a daily basis.

Indicators of Growth:

1. **Conviction** - devotion to and following of the precepts of Scripture with zeal, whatever the cost. ([Daniel 1:8](#))
2. **Devotion** - is aligning personal desires, plans, worship, and hope with God. ([Colossians 3:2](#))
3. **Ability to Teach** - sharing our insights and what we have learned with others, to help them grow in Christian maturity. ([Matt. 7:28; 28: 19-20; John 7:16; Mark 4:2; 2 John 1:9](#))
4. **Purity & Holiness** - being set apart for God's use, which is holiness in action. It does not allow us to be contaminated nor interfere with others in our growth and relationship in Christ and keeps us focused on what is important. ([Matt. 5:8; Phil. 4:8; 1 Tim. 1:5; 5:22; James 4:8](#))
5. **Guidance** - willingness to help others to apply the precepts of Scripture in everyday and difficult situations. ([Proverbs 27:9](#))
6. **Justice** - doing and fighting for what is fair, moral, impartial, and right, according to God's will. ([Genesis 6:9](#))
7. **Zealousness** - maintaining our enthusiasm for our faith and call, not allowing our church or ourselves to fall into a rut of meaningless rhetoric. ([Luke 2:49; John 2:17 & 8:29](#))
8. **Wisdom** - truly desiring the knowledge of God's Word and the proper application to our life. This enables us to make good judgments and decisions. ([1 Kings 3:9; Psalm 119:97-98](#))

Ideas for Action to Grow in Bible Engagement:

1. Read the Bible daily. If you need help with this, consider one of these ideas: use the Shoreline reading plan in the bulletin or on the website each week. Pick up a 50-Day Reading Plan at the Connection Center. Meet with a pastor and ask for help designing a personal Bible reading plan.
2. Study the Bible by using a Study Bible. Read the Bible daily and also read the study notes.
3. Listen to the Bible when you wake up, drive in your car, or take walks.
4. Discuss what you are learning from the Bible with friends who love Jesus.
5. Teach others what you learn from the Bible informally or investigate how you can get involved in teaching at Shoreline.
6. Sing songs that are based on Scripture and let biblical truth fill your heart and mind.
7. Memorize passages that encourage or convict you.
8. Live out what you learn from the Bible and put it into action.
9. In a similar way to eating three meals a day, read one chapter of the Bible three times a day. One in the morning, one at lunch, and one before you go to bed.
10. Attend Men's or Women's Bible Study at Shoreline Church.

Resources for Growth in Bible Engagement:

Books/Magazines

1. Arthur, Kay [*How to Study Your Bible*](#)
2. Anders, Max [*30 Days to Understanding the Bible: Unlock the Scriptures in 15 Minutes a Day*](#)
3. Baker Book House, [*Teach the Text Commentary Series*](#)
4. The Bible Project, [*The Bible Project Poster Book Collection*](#)
5. Faithlife, [*Bible Study Magazine*](#)
6. Fee, Gordon D. & Douglas Stuart [*How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth*](#)
7. Goldingay, John & N.T. Wright [*The Bible for Everyone: Complete 35 Volume Set*](#)
8. Grudem, Wayne [*Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*](#)
9. Grudem, Wayne [*Understanding the Big Picture of the Bible: A Guide to Reading the Bible Well*](#)
10. Hamilton, Adam [*Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today*](#)
11. Hamilton, Victor P. [*Handbook on the Historical Books: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther*](#)
12. Hamilton, Victor P. [*Handbook on the Pentateuch: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy*](#)
13. Harney, Kevin G. "Chapter 5: The Seismic Shift from Snacking to Feasting" [*Seismic Shifts: The Little Changes that Make a Big Difference in Your Life*](#), p. 69-83
14. Keener, Craig, S., [*The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament*](#)

15. Longman III, Tremper & Raymond B. Dillard [*An Introduction to the Old Testament: Second Edition*](#)
16. Lucado, Max & Randy Frazee [*The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People*](#)
17. Mounce, William D. [*Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words*](#)
18. Ortberg, John, Kevin G. Harney, & Sherry Harney [*Teaching the Heart of the Old Testament: Communicating Life-Changing Truths from Genesis to Malachi*](#)
19. Spangler, Ann & Jean E. Syswerda [*Women of the Bible: A One-Year Devotional Study*](#)
20. Spoo, Deron [*The Good Book: 40 Chapters that Reveal the Bible's Biggest Ideas*](#)
21. Wiersbe, Warren W. [*The Bible Exposition Commentary*](#)
22. Wright, N.T. & Michael F. Bird [*The New Testament You Never Knew: Exploring the Context, Purpose, and Meaning of the Story of God*](#)
23. Young, Sarah [*Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence*](#)
24. Zondervan Academics, [*The NIV Application Commentary Bundle*](#)

Articles/Websites/Blogs

1. The Bible Project, ["3 Easy Ways to Engage the Bible and Help You Get Started"](#)
2. The Bible Project, ["Visual Storytelling Meets the Bible"](#)
3. Chapell, Bryan ["4 Ways Your Whole Bible Points to Jesus"](#)
4. Plano Bible Chapel, [Dr. Thomas L. Constable's Expository \(Bible Study\) Notes](#)
5. Reichard, Drew ["14 Great Ways to Engage God's Word"](#)

Apps

1. [First 5 Bible Study App](#)
2. [Jesus Calling Devotional App](#)
3. [Logos Bible App](#)
4. [She Reads Truth/He Reads Truth Apps](#)
5. [YouVersion Bible App](#)

Sermons/Podcasts/Bible Studies

1. The Bible Project, [The Bible Projects YouTube Sermons](#)
2. Collins, Jon & Tim Mackie [The Bible Project Podcast](#)
3. Gospel in Life, [Tim Keller Sermon Series Podcast](#)
4. Harney, Kevin G. ["Metrics... Measurements that Matter: Passion for the Truth"](#) Shoreline Church Sermon
5. Moore, Beth, [Living Proof Podcast](#)
6. Smith, Angie [Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story](#)

Resources for Kids

1. Downs, Annie F. [*Looking for Lovely: Collecting the Moments that Matter*](#) Teen Girls' Bible Study
2. Fuller Youth Institute, [Sticky Faith Resources](#)
3. Lloyd-Jones, Sally, [*The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name*](#)
4. RightNow Media, ["Little Bible Heroes" Series](#)
5. YouVersion, [The YouVersion Bible App for Kids](#)