

Let's Read the Bible TOGETHER

TIPS FOR READING THE BIBLE

STUDYING THE BIBLE IS INTEGRAL TO WHO WE ARE AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.

1. **The Bible is a library** of literature that helps us know who God is and how God is working through the lens of Jesus Christ.
2. **Give time for context.** Read not only specific verses but the entire chapter (or chapters before and after).
Look for:
 - a. Context
 - b. Audience
 - c. Purpose
3. **Let scripture speak for itself.** Set aside what you assume or what you think you “know.” What do you notice today? What sticks out to you now?
4. **What is stirring while you study?** Reading scripture is an encounter with the Holy Spirit. How is the Spirit speaking?
5. **Don't quit!** Reading scripture can be challenging. Make a habit of reading a chapter each day, spending time letting the words of scripture fill your heart and mind.
6. **“The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion.” - John Wesley**
Find a community to read with! Go to fumcr.com/grow to get connected.

READING PLAN FOR THE BOOK OF ACTS

MAKE IT EASY & READ A CHAPTER A DAY! [HERE'S HOW WE CAN DO IT TOGETHER:](#)

Sunday, October 8: Invitation and Introduction

Does your Bible have an introduction to the book of Acts?

Read that today! We also recommend the Overview of Acts

by the Bible Project ([follow link below](#))

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Monday, October 9 - Sunday, October 15 | Read Chapters 1-7

Name the different ways the gospel of Jesus is being shared in your reading.

What do you find inspiring as you see the growth in these early Christian communities?

Monday, October 16 - Sunday, October 22 | Read Chapters 8-14

Conflict is something even early Christians had to face.

How does the Holy Spirit move you to engage in conflict with grace?

Monday, October 23 - Sunday, October 29 | Read Chapters 15-21

As you witness the work of these early Christians, what work is the Holy Spirit inviting you into?

Monday, October 30 - Sunday, November 5 | Read Chapters 22-28

As you are completing your reading of Acts, how will you continue the journey?