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Use the 4 steps below to inform your study and help you read the Bible for all that it is worth. The more we know the Bible, the more we might know Jesus.

PRAY

Invite the Spirit of God to speak clearly and to overcome your personal bias and misaligned assumptions.

NOTICE

Read the passage & make observations.

Who is writing?

What is their purpose?

What happened before and after?

What is happening in the passage?

What are important words?

What are repeated words?

Are there other passages of Scripture connected to this one?

DIG DEEP

Reread the passage and ask:

What is the main idea?

What is the author wanting to say?

What does this passage tell me about God?

What does it tell me about other people?

Are there any questions in the passage that I can answer?

APPLY

Is there something to live out today?

Is there a challenge to surrender to?

Is there a truth to put into practice?

Write down what you sense God saying.



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5 Main Ideas for Reading the Bible*

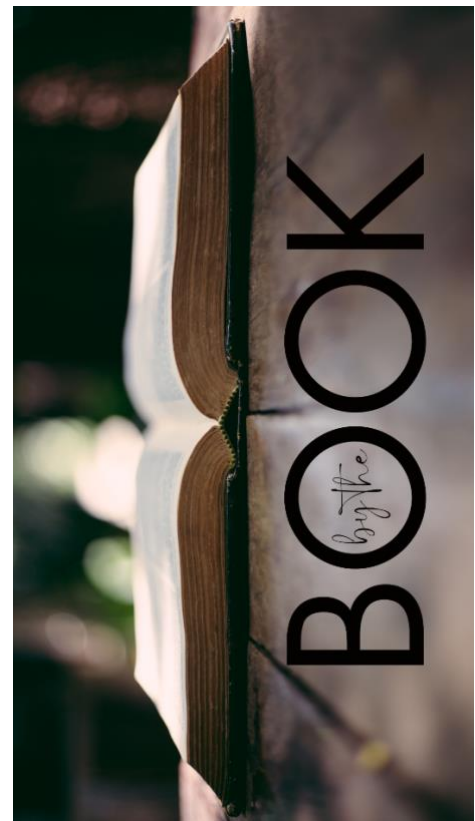
It's Not a Book; It's a Library

It's Not Written to Us

Never Read a Bible Verse

Never Read Alone

It's All About Jesus



*informed by "How (Not) to Read the Bible" by Dan Kimball and "How to Read the Bible" by Gordon Fee